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Chamber luncheon salutes APG Soldiers, family

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Winners of the Aberdeen Proving Ground NCO, Soldier and Family of the Year were honored during the 38th Annual Military Appreciation Luncheon, at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood May 14.

Hosted by the Harford County Chamber of Commerce, the luncheon was the final event of local Armed Forces Week activities.

APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford thanked local politicians and business leaders for their continued support of the APG community.

“The competitive advantage that this nation has is the strength of its military communities,” he said.

Harford County Executive Barry Glassman thanked APG Soldier, veterans and families for their service and shared hopes of continuing the county’s partnership with the installation.

“Aberdeen Proving Ground and the military is

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APG Senior Command Sgt. Maj. William G. Bruns, far left, looks on as Marine recruit Jared Stone, of Perryville, Maryland, is congratulated by Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, during the Our Community Salutes ceremony at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center May 13. In recognition of Armed Forces Week, approximately 60 newly enlisted Soldiers, Marines and Sailors were honored by APG leadership and local dignitaries.

New guardians of freedom

AFW ceremony recognizes local military recruits

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

In celebration of Armed Forces Week, team APG hosted “Our Community Salutes,” a recognition ceremony to honor future service members who have recently enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces, at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center May 13.

Sixty local men and women, including 40

Army, 15 Marine and five Navy recruits and their families, were honored by APG senior leaders and local dignitaries.

“These men and women from our community have answered the nation’s call to serve,” said mistress of ceremonies Sgt. 1st Class Tameka Dixon. “They have all enlisted in the armed forces and will ship off to recruit training and basic training in the

months to come.”

Capt. Nicholas Milano, APG Garrison Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander and event organizer, explained that the ceremony – the first of its kind at APG – was initiated by APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford and

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Breakfast unites survivor community

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

In what has become a traditional Armed Forces Week gathering, installation leaders reaffirmed a commitment of continued support and service to survivors of fallen service members during the Surviving Family Breakfast at the post chapel May 13.

Annette Sanders-Nash, Survivor Outreach Services support coordinator, Army Community Service, said the purpose of the event, which was held in the chapel Fellowship Hall, is to recognize families and, “to continue to let them know we want them to be a part of APG.”

“Whenever a Soldier serves, a family serves,” she said. “We

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Annette Sanders-Nash

Survivor Outreach Services Support Coordinator

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Patsy Jackson, a former SOS manager from Fort Meade, now the Installation Navy Gold Star Coordinator for Fleet and Family Readiness at Naval District Washington Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, said regional offices work together to unite the survivor community.

“Once we locate survivors we link them with local chapters,” she said. “We want to make sure their sacrifices are not forgotten and this also gives them the opportunity to contribute and be

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APG hosts 3rd annual Bike to Work Day Rally



Cyclists head out on an 11.5-mile ride during the third annual Bike to Work Day Rally on APG North (Aberdeen) May 13.

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Nearly 100 people participated in the third annual Bike to Work Day Rally on APG North (Aberdeen) May 13. The early-morning bike ride was part of Armed Forces Week activities.

Another Bike to Work Day rally will be held 7 to 9 a.m. starting in the Freedom Federal Credit Union parking lot at APG South (Edgewood), Friday, May 22. Participants can register the day of the event.

Team APG and the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) cohosted the APG North rally with Harford Smart Commute, a division of the Harford County Office of Economic Development.

During Bike to Work Day, also known as B2WD, riders were challenged to either bike to work or to participate in an 11.5-mile bike ride around the installation, starting in front of the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. Many par-

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STREET TALK

What’s your favorite summer meal?

“Tonight I’m going to have brats [bratwurst] with baked beans and french fries. That’s my favorite summer meal, and I’m going to grill it out.”



Tony Lewis
Retired military

“Ribs and chicken, and hot dogs and hamburgers – the summer easy stuff. My husband’s a cook, so he does all the grilling; I just prepare it for him. He’s an Army cook, but he’s about to retire.”



Jacqueline Barnes
HHC Garrison

“If I have a recipe from “Bon Appetit” magazine that I find interesting or appealing– Italian, German, Polish, Spanish– I’ll cook it. I go online and I find a recipe of the week. Many are barbeque...whatever we’re in the mood for. Steak, ribs, fish- nothing special.”



Marianna Widel
Contractor

“Being that I’m a Floridian, the favorite summer food that we usually like to eat is watermelon and ‘slaw dogs’- hot dogs with coleslaw on them. It must be a burnt hot dog.”



Shameka Burkes
Exchange

“What else? Barbeque chicken and ribs. I smoke them with a little barbeque sauce.”



Jim Smith
Retired military

Tick season is underway

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**
APG News

As warm weather brings more people outside to enjoy summer activities, it is important to take the necessary steps to avoid the pest only second to mosquitoes in its ability to transmit diseases to humans.

Ticks can latch on to unsuspecting individuals as they hike, mow the lawn or even chase a ball in the backyard. Carrying illnesses like Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and ehrlichiosis, tick bites can be quite dangerous.

Several tick species are found throughout Maryland meaning members of Team APG need to be vigilant in avoiding ticks and know how to remove one if necessary.

Avoiding ticks

Know where ticks are likely to be found, including tall brush, grass and wooded areas. They like warm, humid, shady environments.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend these tips for avoiding ticks:

- Walk on the path while hiking and stick to the center of the trail, away from brush.
- Wear a hat, long pants and long sleeves when possible. Tuck pant legs into your socks for extra protection.
- Wear light colored clothing.
- Treat outdoor clothing with Permethrin to repel ticks.
- Use skin repellents that contain 20 to 30 percent DEET. Follow the repellent’s instructions. Adults should apply repellent to children, and children under three shouldn’t use DEET.

Before going back inside, use a buddy system to check each other’s clothing, skin and scalp for ticks. Once inside, shower as soon as possible. Put clothes in the dryer and tumble on high heat for one hour.

Use a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body and check for ticks again. The CDC recommends individuals take extra care to check these body areas for ticks: under the arms; in and around the ears; inside the belly button; back of the knee; in and around the hair; between the legs, and around the waist. Remember, ticks prefer warm, humid environments.

Removing a tick

If you find a tick attached to your skin, don’t panic. Ticks are easy to remove with a pair of fine-tipped tweezers. Do not wait for a tick to detach itself. Prompt removal of a tick may prevent the spread of disease.

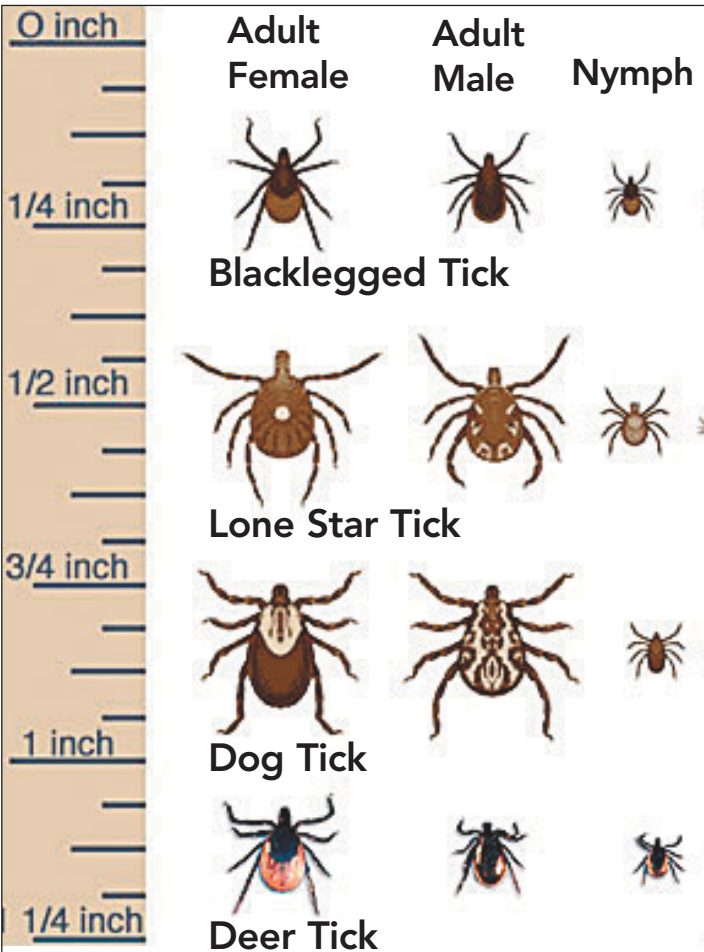
Follow these CDC-recommended tips to remove a tick:

- Do not use petroleum jelly, hot matches, nail polish or other folklore remedies to remove ticks.
- Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin’s surface as possible.
- Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Avoid squeezing the tick’s body. Do not twist or jerk the tick, which may cause mouthparts to break off and remain in the skin.
- Put the removed tick in a tightly sealed jar or plastic zip bag.
- Thoroughly clean the bite area, your hands and the tweezers with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub or soap and water.

What to do if you find a tick on you

If you find a tick on your body and do not feel comfortable removing it, Capt. Joanna Moore, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic’s chief of preventive medicine, recommends heading over to KUSAHC.

“You can come to Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic to have it



Keep your yard tick-free

- 1. Remove leaf litter and clear tall grasses and brush around homes.
- 2. Place a 3-foot wide barrier of wood chips or gravel between your lawn and heavily wooded areas to prevent tick migration.
- 3. Mow the lawn frequently.
- 4. Move playground equipment, decks and patios away from the edge of your yard and wooded areas.
- 5. Discourage unwelcome visitors like deer and raccoons by constructing fences.
- 6. Keep dogs and cats out of the woods. Make sure pets are given flea and tick control treatments on a regular basis.

removed by a provider. If you remove the tick yourself, do not discard it.”

According to Moore, members of Team APG and the Department of Defense can bring tick specimens to KUSAHC for free testing.

APG is home to the DOD Tick Test Kit Program, run by U.S. Army Public Health Command. Entomologists will identify and test any ticks brought to KUSAHC and will follow up with patients if the tick was carrying a disease.

Individuals bitten by ticks should monitor for symptoms of tick-borne diseases including: a fever and chills; headaches, fatigue and muscle aches; and rashes on the skin at the site of the tick bite. Anyone who experiences these symptoms after a tick bite should contact their health care provider immediately.

APG Military Appreciation Month

PHOTO CONTEST

In honor of Military Appreciation Month the APG News will host a month-long photo contest, asking readers to submit photos they feel celebrate their life as a member of Team APG – from deployments and TDY to family time and off-duty ventures in the local area. Whether you have years of experience in photography or snap pictures of your family and pets with a smartphone, the contest is open to all Team APG personnel, including service members, civilians, contractors, retirees and their family members.

The winning photo will be chosen by garrison leadership and will be published, along with two runners-up, in the June 11 issue of the APG News and on the APG Facebook page– just in time to celebrate the Army’s 240th Birthday!

To enter:

- Submissions are due no later than Saturday, May 30.
- All photos must be emailed to the APG News editor at amanda.r.rominiecki.civ@mail.mil.
- All photo submissions must be accompanied by the full name of the photographer, the photoographer’s affiliation to or place of work at APG, and a brief description of the photo.
- Please keep in mind that any photos taken on the installation must be in common housing or recreation areas. Any photos that violate security rules and regulations will automatically be disqualified.

The winner will receive bragging rights and a prize yet to be announced.

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DES ‘fosters’ relationships with local children

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In honor of National Foster Care Month, the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) hosted a “Fostering Friendships” event at the APG North (Aberdeen) firehouse May 16.

Approximately 60 foster and adopted children and their families attended the event, which, according to event organizer Officer Mark Jessee, was meant to help “bridge a better relationship between foster children and emergency personnel.”

Jessee said his wife, Michele, inspired him to start Fostering Friendships after she read comments on a Maryland Foster Parent Association online chat board from parents who said their foster children dislike or fear the police.

“They’ve [foster children] usually had a negative experience because of their circumstances in childhood, like domestic violence, where police are frequently coming in the home” said Cynthia Crabb, a representative from the Cecil County Department of Social Services.

Crabb attended the event to share information about Maryland’s foster care and adoption programs. She said that police presence when a child is removed from their home and placed into foster care often leads foster children to associate law enforcement with trauma.

“We want to show the positive side to the emergency services personnel so these children can mend that fear or hate of us,” Jessee said.

The day’s events included fire and rescue, Special Response Team, and K-9 demonstrations, as well as a firefighter challenge obstacle course, moon bounces, and a visit from the Aberdeen Iron-Birds mascot, “Ferrous.”

Ryan Milway, a foster father of two girls and biological father to another, said he became a foster parent when he and his



(Above Left) Fire Inspector Loren Brown lifts Peyton Jessee, 3, adopted daughter of event organizer Mark Jessee, from the rear of a fire demonstration trailer during the Fostering Friendships event at APG North (Aberdeen) May 16.



(Above Right) Firefighter Steve Funk holds the hose for Lucas Booth, 3, during the Fostering Friendships firefighter challenge event. Booth’s grandmother, Margaret Bennett, has been a foster parent for Cecil County since 1974. She has three biological and four adopted children.

wife’s original plan to adopt their nephew fell through.

“We figured we’d try to help out another family,” he said.

Milway said his family attended the event because his eldest foster daughter has always been “a little scared” of police.

“We figured getting her out here and actually meeting some firemen and meeting some police officers would kind of help her,” he said.

He said the best thing about being a foster parent is “knowing that we’re helping children, even if they don’t realize what we’re providing for them. We know they’re in a safe place and being well taken care of. Our 1-year-old actually has gotten very attached to us. She started calling my wife ‘mom’ and me ‘dad.’ It’s

very sweet.”

The Jessees adopted their foster children, Peyton, 3, and Hailynn, 7. They said they realized they wanted to become foster parents when one of their four biological children was hospitalized.

“Our youngest had a fair amount of medical issues, and we just knew from being in the hospital with her and seeing kids who didn’t have anybody there with them that we wanted to be that person for kids who needed it, but didn’t have the support,” Michele Jessee said.

The Jessees and Crabb both said that fostering a child requires hard work and dedication.

“The [fostering] process is a little bit extensive to first get licensed,” Crabb said, adding that people seeking to become foster parents in Maryland must

complete classes beforehand and receive on-the-job-training as they go.

Crabb said several programs make fostering easier by, “connecting foster parents to mentor each other [and] supportive of each other. We run a support group for them; that creates better success.”

She added that reunification with the natural birth parent, except in extreme cases, is the ultimate goal of fostering. As a result, one of the biggest challenges foster parents face is learning to let go.

“Grief is a natural part of fostering,” Crabb said. “But you find a lot more rewards out of the whole process.”

For more information about how to become a foster care or adoptive parent in Maryland, visit www.adoptuskids.org or www.dhr.state.md.us/blog/ and click on “Adoption & Foster Care.”

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Demolitions on APG slated for summer

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**
APG News

Team APG can expect to see numerous unoccupied buildings across the installation demolished this summer.

According to Nathan Osborne, the Directorate of Public Works’ chief of master planning and real estate, 39 buildings totaling 586,000 square feet on APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) – comprising both administrative and warehouse space – are scheduled for demolition through the end of this summer.

All part of the garrison’s facility investment strategy, the bulk of this demolition will take place in July and August, Osborne said.

“Notable demolition will include Bldg. 314, which was vacated due to mold issues, some vacated Army lodging buildings and Bldg. 5043,” he said. “In the Edgewood area, we’ll be knocking down E5026 off Magnolia Road, the E5700-block and select buildings in the E5900-block.”

The demolition of E5026 is of one of several “quality of life” initiatives on APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford’s priority list, Osborne said.

“The building behind E5026, E5027, will undergo an exterior renovation project as part of APG’s Enhanced Use Lease funds,” he said. “E5026, which is on the Route 24 main frontage as you come through the access gate– we will raze this structure and renovate the building behind it– cleaning up the appearance when you first enter the Edgewood area.

“Our facility investment strategy aligns with our human capital strate-

39 buildings on APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) are scheduled for demolition through the end of this summer, totaling **586,000** square feet.

For reference, that’s just over **10 football fields** worth of space.

gy: we are the world’s leading expert in CBRNE, so we need to ensure our required facilities and infrastructure are sustained which will enable the retention and recruitment of the world best scientists, chemists, and engineers.”

The Secretary of the Army has directed senior leaders at installations across the world to reduce their installation real property footprint – through space consolidation, mothballing and demolishing facilities that are deemed “excess” facilities, Osborne said.

Here at APG, facilities are considered excess when their existence no longer fulfills the needs of the mission. This can include buildings outdated to the point that modernizing them would not be cost-effective or buildings whose original mission no longer exists and they can’t be repurposed. Additionally, Osborne noted that excess can also be defined as an organization occupying more building space than the Army has authorized.

Garrison Commander Col. Gregory R. McClinton’s facility investment strategy outlines the ongoing initiatives to modernize and sustain existing facilities and demolish excess facilities.

“Many of these facilities [set to be demolished] are the result of consolidating an organization into modernized facilities. As a result of that relocation we now have excess facilities,” Osborne said. “It’s very much a domino effect.”

While excess facilities may be unoccupied and require fewer resources, the garrison is still charged with sustaining them. APG has a significant energy bill, so facility reduction will help with cost savings, he said. “If the DOD’s money is being cut across the board, the Army has to be strategic in how they use resources.

“The underlying premise is to be a good steward of the taxpayer’s money, as well as being an environmental steward. Leaving a building in a dilap-

idated state is a safety issue.”
Furthering the taxpayer’s dollar is considered before the building is physically demolished as well.

“We try to recycle as much material as we can prior to the buildings going under contract, because once the building is under contract, it becomes their property,” he said. Furniture as well as metal and wood that can be reused are salvaged.

Osborne noted that DPW follows strict regulations and guidelines in terms of selecting buildings for demolition and the demolition process itself.

“We follow federal and state regulatory guidelines. Contractors are properly training, and they have to submit demolition work plans and accident prevention plans.”

There is also coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers, the Installation Safety Office, and other Federal agencies depending on type of demolition, he added.

According to Osborne, before demolition begins, the master planning and real estate division has “a good neighbor policy where we formally engage facility managers of nearby buildings and let them know demolition will be taking place, what to expect and who to call if they have questions.”

He also noted that there are other buildings on APG South that have been identified as excess, but demolition has yet to be scheduled or confirmed due to limited funds and the buildings’ ties to chemical and biological testing decades ago.

For more information about the scheduled building demolitions or facility investment strategy, contact Nathan Osborne at 410-306-1193 or nicco.osborne.civ@mail.mil.

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Singh shares thoughts on leadership

Story and photo by **LINDSEY MONGER**
ATEC

Maryland National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Linda L. Singh, presented her thoughts on leadership during Aberdeen Test Center’s quarterly “Women in Leadership” session May 6 at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

During the session, Singh encouraged personnel to recognize their own potential and strive for heights they may not have imagined for themselves. The theme this quarter, “Recognizing that Your Ordinary Self Can Do Extraordinary Things,” addressed the importance of dispelling self-doubts when approaching opportunities.

“Leadership is not gender specific,” said Col. Warline Richardson, military deputy at Army Evaluation Center, as she kicked off the session. “Leadership is not so much about having power, but having the ability to empower others.”

This session, and other activities like it, support the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command’s efforts to develop leaders within the workforce, in line with the ATEC Leadership Development Program launched last October.

Even leaders need role models, Singh said. She spoke to the importance of having role models and credited her mother and grandmother for the strength they displayed over the course of her life, making a powerful impact on her choices and career path.

“I noticed that they were [examples of] strong women in my life [and], were successful in their own way,” Singh said.

She said that, early on, she never self-selected out of anything and always took advantage of every opportunity she was afforded.

“I wanted to be somebody,” Singh said as she explained that it takes hard work to achieve greater heights.

“I went to every school, volunteered, and if I was asked to do something, I did it. This way, I started forming, for myself, what kind of leader I wanted to be,” she said.

Singh reflected on multiple experiences during her time military service that she feels helped her develop a variety of leadership skills to add to her ‘tool set,’ all of which helped her



Maryland National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Linda L. Singh, presented her thoughts on leadership during Aberdeen Test Center’s quarterly “Women in Leadership” session May 6 at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Singh encouraged personnel to recognize their own potential and strive for heights they may not have previously imagined for themselves.

become the leader that she is today.

The major general said she knew she had a thirst for success and was willing to put in the work to achieve that vision.

“I guarantee you that, out of anything I wanted to be, I would be successful and mainly because I had the drive and desire to want to be the best,” Singh said. “If I wasn’t the best, I would look at the others around me and ask myself ‘what do I want to take away from them that I could add to my own true self?’”

Patricia Spicer, an ATEC director-

ate secretary, said Singh’s remarks motivated her to think about how to become an effective and productive leader and apply various aspects of leadership in her personal and professional life.

“The experiences she spoke of are an incentive to think outside the box and that leadership is demonstrated on all levels in life, personal and professional, whatever you do, where ever you are, and where ever you go,” Spicer said.

Richardson, also a woman serving in a leadership role, said she enjoyed

the session with the major general and highlighted a key takeaway from Singh’s visit.

“You are the captain of your own ship. Do not allow anyone, especially yourself, to ‘opt out’ on opportunities,” Richardson said. “Some of those opportunities may appear to be difficult and challenging, but take them anyway because you will grow from them.”

During her visit, Singh toured ATC where she learned about the mission and capabilities the test center offers its customers.

BY THE NUMB#RS

Arlington National Cemetery

Memorial Day, observed May 25 this year, is the day the U.S. honors America’s fallen service members. Every year Arlington National Cemetery conducts a Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

4,000,000+

People visit the Arlington National Cemetery annually. The cemetery is administered by the Army.

\$48,000

Cost to build the Tomb of the Unknowns, which stands as a memorial to the casualties of WWI, WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The Tomb was completed in 1932 and weighs 79 tons.

5,000

Unknown Soldiers buried in the cemetery. The identity of the Vietnam era Unknown Soldier was identified in 1998 using DNA testing.

365

Days per year The Tomb is guarded by volunteer members of 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment. Members are in full dress uniform and carry M-14 rifles.

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Memorial trees are planted in the cemetery as a living tribute to the Medal of Honor recipients.

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U.S. presidents are buried at Arlington: Presidents John F. Kennedy and William H. Taft. Other notable figures include Senators Robert and Edward Kennedy, U.S. Army Maj. Walter Reed, boxer Joe Louis and the seven astronauts who died aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger.

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FRIDAY MAY 22

BIKE TO WORK DAY – APG SOUTH

The APG community is invited to take part in the annual Bike to Work Day ride on APG South (Edgewood). The Bike to Work Day Rally will be held 7 to 9 a.m. at the FFCU parking lot, 5502 Hoadley Road, and will be followed by a cyclist parade, giveaways, on-the-go refreshments, bike tune ups, vendors and chances to win prizes.

Take the bike ride to the next level by signing up for the Team Cycle Challenge. Commands on APG South are challenged to see who can get the most employees to commit to Bike to Work May 22. Teams must be registered prior to the event.

Everyone who registers will be eligible to win a Trek Lync 3 bike. Visit www.harfordcountymd.gov/commuter for the registration forms and for more information, or contact Alan Doran at rideshare@harfordcountymd.gov or 1-800-924-8646. Visit www.harfordcountymd.gov/commuter for the registration forms and for more information, or contact Alan Doran at rideshare@harfordcountymd.gov or 1-800-924-8646.

THURSDAY MAY 28

ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVANCE

The installation's annual Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance is scheduled for 10 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) Myer Auditorium.

The theme for the event is "Many cultures, one voice: promote equality and inclusion." Raymond S. Wong, president of Wong, Wong and Associates, P.C., a Chinese-American owned law firm in the New York City area.

For more information, contact Maj. Raushan A. Salaam at raushan.a.salaam.mil@mail.mil or call 410-417-2889.

TUESDAY JUNE 16

2015 SOLDIER SHOW

Save the date – the 2015 U.S. Army Soldier Show Tour will stop at APG June 16 at 7 p.m.

The Soldier Show is a live Broadway-style variety performance featuring the Army's best talent. It's singing, it's dancing and it's amazing! Each year, Army Entertainment brings together a talented troupe of performers who are selected through a rigorous audition process.

This year's production, "We Serve" explores the foundational elements of what it means to serve, in and out of uniform, as well as how our country in return serves them.

meetings&conferences

THURSDAY MAY 28

PUBLIC MEETING – US 40 AT MD 7/MD 159 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) will host an informal public meeting regarding Phase 2 of the US 40 at MD 7/MD 159 Intersection Improvement Project, set to begin in the fall of 2015 and last through the spring of 2018. The meeting will be held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the George D. Lisby Elementary School, 810 Edmund Street, Aberdeen MD, 21001.

The informational meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide attendees an opportunity to address project-related concerns. The current project design will be displayed and project team members will be available to answer questions. No formal presentation will be given. Visitors can arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at their own pace.

For more information, visit: www.md511.org or call 511 for Maryland Travel Information.

SATURDAY JUNE 13

FEW SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW) will host its Annual Scholarship Breakfast 8 a.m. to noon at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1050 Beards Hill Road, in Aberdeen. Cost is \$30.

The guest speaker is Nicole S. Mason, FEW vice president for Compliance, an author, attorney and leadership coach.

For more information, contact Valery Calm-Coleman at 410-920-7849; Tracy Marshall at 813-504-7778; Karen Jobes at 410-322-1469; or Bridgette Graham at 202-285-4946.

health&resiliency

SUNDAY MAY 24

MD CENTER FOR VETERANS EDUCATION AND TRAINING 20TH ANNUAL 5K/10K RACE

The Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, Inc., (MCVET) will host the 20th Annual 5K/10K Races starting 7:30 a.m. (5K) and 8:30 a.m. (10K) at the Baltimore War Memorial Plaza, 500 E Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

For the 5K, pre-registration is \$25; race day registration is \$30. For the 10 K, pre-registration is \$30; race day registration is \$35.

All proceeds benefits the MCVET mission to provide homeless veterans with comprehensive services to enable them to rejoin their communities as productive citizens.

To register, go to www.mcvet.org or www.charmcityrun.com.

For more information, contact MCVET race director Roseline Taylor at 410-576-9626, Ext. 253 or info@mcvet.org or www.facebook.com/MCVET.Baltimore

WEDNESDAY MAY 27

STRONG BONDS MARRIAGE RETREAT

A one-day Strong Bonds Marriage Retreat will take place at the Vandiver Inn, 301 South Union Avenue in Havre de Grace from 8:35 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Meals and child care will be provided.

For more information, contact the APG main post chapel at 410-278-4333.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3

DIABETES HEALTH FAIR

A Diabetes Health Fair, "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes," will be held 8 a.m. to noon in the Ortiz Training Center on the first floor of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. This event include educational displays and screenings and lectures from healthcare and spiritual leaders. Healthy refreshments will be provided. Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information or to pre-register, call 410-278-1902.

THURSDAY JUNE 4

FAMILY MATTERS: MEN'S AND WOMEN'S HEALTH INFO SESSION

Team APG will host a Family Matters: Men's and Women's Health Info Session 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 6001, second floor, room 224 (ACC training room).

This event is open to APG military, civilians, and contractors.

For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

ARMY WELLNESS CENTER AT APG SOUTH CLINIC

The Army Wellness Center is seeing clients at the APG South (Edgewood) clinic, Bldg. E4110. Clients can have metabolism and body composition assessments and other services without having to drive to APG North (Aberdeen). Service members and their family members, retirees and Army civilians can make an appointment through the APG North AWC, or be referred by their unit or primary health care provider at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Upcoming APG South AWC dates are:

- May 28
- June 11, 16, 26, and 30

For more information, or to schedule an appointment call 410-306-1024.

THROUGH 2015

2015 CPR, AED CLASS SCHEDULE

The APG Directorate of Emergency Services has announced the CPR/AED class schedule for 2015. Classes are open to the entire APG community.

June 17 – APG South (Edgewood) Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

July 15 – APG North Chapel, Bldg. 2485 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Aug. 19 – APG South Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Sep. 16 – APG North Chapel, Bldg. 2485 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Oct. 21 – APG South Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Nov. 18 – APG North Chapel, Bldg. 2485 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Dec. 16 – APG South Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Mike Slayman at 410-306-0566.

ONGOING

WEAR BLUE: RUN TO REMEMBER HARFORD COUNTY/APG

A Harford County/APG-based Wear Blue: Run to Remember community has been established, with ongoing meets the second Saturday of every month 8:30 a.m. at the Maryland and Pennsylvania Heritage Trail in Fallston.

Wear Blue: Run to Remember communities run, jog and walk in honor of the nation's fallen, fighting and families.

Those interested in participating in the run should meet at the Annie's Playground – Pavilion at 864 Smith Lane, Fallston, Maryland. Pets are allowed, but park rules do not allow retractable leashes.

All ability levels are welcome. Participants are strongly encouraged to wear blue.

Upcoming dates include:

- June 13
- July 11
- August 8

For more information, contact Robin Bruns at 910-987-6764 or brunsrd@yahoo.com.

family&children

JULY 13-17

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The APG Main Post Chapel will host Everest Vacation Bible School July 13-17, free to children pre-school through sixth grade from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Children will participate in Bible-learning activities, singing, team-building activities and interactive games. Each day concludes with a Summit Celebration at 8 p.m., when parents are invited to attend and see what their children learned that day.

Space is limited. To register, visit <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/APGChapel-vbs2015>.

For more information, or to serve as a volunteer, call John Mark Edwards, director of religious education, at 410-278-2516.

miscellaneous

THROUGH JUNE 11

POST THEATER CLOSED

The APG North (Aberdeen) post theater closed Monday, May 11 for emergency repair work and will remain closed for approximately 30 days.

FRIDAY JUNE 19

UNDER MY SKIN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Ruggles Golf Course will host the first Under My Skin for Life Foundation golf tournament to benefit local veterans and Wounded Warriors. Registration begins 8 a.m. and tee time is 10 a.m. The cost of \$125 for singles and \$500 per foursome, includes golf cart, unlimited beverages and the awards luncheon, which will be held immediately after play in the Sutherland Grille at the Ruggles clubhouse.

To register, download a registration form at www.bushmilltavern.com or https://www.facebook.com/BushmillTavern/info?tab=page_info, and mail check or money order to: Bushmill Tavern C/O Billy Little, 4017 Philadelphia Road, Abingdon, MD 21009. Register by June 1. Late registration is June 19.

For more information, contact Lisa Libatore or Billy Little at 410-914-5820

ONGOING

HCC FALL SCHEDULE

Registration is open for Harford Community College Fall 2015 classes to be held at APG. Log onto your OwlNet account and follow the registration guidelines. New students should contact the Registration Office at 443-412-2100.

- Classes:**
- Math 216: Introduction to Statistics, Tuesday/Thursday, Aug. 31 to Dec. 15, 5:30 to 7:25 p.m.
 - English 216: Business Communications, Tuesday, Aug. 31 to Dec. 15, 5:30 to 6:50 p.m.
 - PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology, Monday/Wednesday, 6 to 8:50 p.m., Oct. 19 to Dec. 15.

For more information, contact Tiffany Morrell at 443-412-2100, tmorrell@harford.edu or visit Bldg. 4305, Room 335.

ONGOING

CMU FALL SCHEDULE

Registration is open for Central Michigan University Fall 2015 classes to be held at APG.

- Classes:**
- MSA 601 Organizational Dynamics and Human Behavior, Aug. 21-22; Sept. 18-19; Oct. 18 (End date)
 - CED 555 Human Relations Skills, Oct. 23-24; Nov 20-21; Dec. 6 (End date)
- These are hybrid courses requiring additional online interaction.

For more information, contact Barbara Jenkins at 410-272-1532, abderdeen.center@cmich.edu or visit Bldg. 4305, room 209.

ONGOING

HOT WORK PERMIT

The APG Fire and Emergency Services has a new phone number to request a Hot Work Permit. A permit can be obtained by calling 410-306-0001. When is a Hot Work Permit required?

A Hot Work Permit is required before performing electric and gas welding, cutting or soldering operations requiring an open flame device, and for outdoor cooking with a grill, or similar device.

Please give 24 hours notice prior to the work or event. Leave a message if there is no answer. For more information, call 410-306-0001.

THROUGH 2015

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSES

Training schedules have been set for the

2015 Local Hazards Course and Intermediate Driver's Course. Training will be held in Bldg. 4305 Susquehanna Avenue, room 243A. Attendees must register online at AIRS through the www.TeamAPG.com web site at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/airs/>.

Local Hazards Course:

This is a 30-minute course is for personnel who are new to APG. It is a mandatory course for all APG service members, family members, DOD civilians, and contractors who are licensed motorcycle drivers. Those on temporary duty (TDY) at APG for more than 30 day also are required to take the course. Additional classes will be added as needed.

Course time: 7:30 to 8 a.m. and 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.

Course dates: June 18; July 9; Aug. 13; Sept. 17; Oct. 8; Nov. 12; and Dec. 10.

Intermediate Driver's Course:

This two-and-one-half hour course builds on themes introduced during the Introductory Course 1 taken during basic and advanced individual training. This course is mandatory for service members age 26 and younger and may be used to satisfy the remedial defensive driving course. Additional classes will be added as needed.

Course time: 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Course dates: June 18; July 9; Aug. 13; Sept. 17; Oct. 8; Nov. 12 and Dec. 10

For more information, contact H. Mike Allen at the Installation Safety Office at 410-306-1081 or horace.m.allen.civ@mail.mil.

THROUGH 2015

RETIRING SOON? UNCLE SAM WANTS TO THANK YOU!

Are you an APG Soldier or civilian nearing retirement from government service? Consider participating in the monthly Installation Retirement Ceremony.

The APG Garrison hosts the event the last Thursday of each month –except November – and the first Thursday in December, at the Dickson Hall (Ball Conference Center).

All Soldiers and civilians are eligible to participate in the Installation Retirement Ceremony regardless of unit or organization.

This is a program designed to thank retiring personnel for their loyalty and perseverance and for the sacrifices they endured while serving the nation. Retirees are encouraged to participate and to share this day with family members and friends.

For more information, contact Lisa M. Waldon, Garrison Training Operations Officer, at 410-278-4353 or email lisa.m.waldon.civ@mail.mil.

ONGOING

SOUTH DAKOTA VETERANS BONUS

South Dakota is paying a bonus to members of the Armed Forces who were legal residents of the state for no less than six months immediately preceding their period of active duty and who served on active duty during one or more of the following periods:

August 2, 1990 to March 3, 1991 – All active service counts for payment.

March 4, 1991 to December 31, 1992 – Only service in a hostile area qualifying for the Southwest Asia Service Medal counts for payment.

January 1, 1993 to September 10, 2001 – Only service in a hostile area qualifying for any United States campaign or service medal awarded for combat operations against hostile forces counts for payment.

September 11, 2001 to a date to be determined – All active service counts for payment.

Veterans with qualifying service from Aug 2, 1990 to Dec 31, 1992 [Desert Storm] may receive one bonus of up to \$500.00. Veterans with qualifying service after Jan 1, 1993 may receive another bonus of up to \$500.00. Only federal active duty is applicable for bonus purposes. Active Duty for training is not allowed for Bonus purposes.

Applicants living outside of South Dakota may obtain an application by email at john.fette@state.sd.us. Include your branch of the military and dates of service. You may request an application and instructions by writing SD Veterans Bonus, 425 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5070 or by calling 605-773-7251.

ONGOING

ARMY DISASTER PERSONNEL ACCOUNTABILITY & ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

All Department of the Army personnel must validate their emergency data as well as their family members in the Army Disaster Personnel Accountability & Assessment System (ADPAAS).

Visit <https://adpaas.army.mil> and follow the instructions below to validate/update your personnel data:

- Select "Soldiers, DA civilians, NAF employees, OCONUS contractors and their family button."
- Choose one of the three login methods
- Click the "My Info" tab.
- Select "Contact Information" to review, add or edit emergency contact information.
- Select "Family Member Info" to review, add or edit your family member information.

Individuals in a geographic area of natural or man-made disasters will be prompted to complete an assessment survey.

PEO C3T’s Varnadore promoted to colonel

By **ARGIE SARANTINOS**
PM Tactical Radios Staff Writer

Col. Marcus L. Varnadore, who most recently served as Product Manager Airborne, Maritime & Fixed Station (PdM AMF), was promoted to his new rank during a ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground May 15. During the same ceremony, Varnadore passed the AMF charter to Lt. Col. Monique N. Rivera.

Rivera most recently served as the Proponent Officer at the Acquisition Career Development Division of the Acquisition Support Center at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Varnadore will attend the Senior Service College at the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

“It takes dedicated professionals, often across multiple product lines and areas of expertise, coming together as a consolidated team to ensure efficient and effective execution of a program,” Varnadore said. “This is tough work, but it was my honor to work with a team that is committed and up to the challenge of meeting the warfighter’s needs.”

As the product manager for AMF, part of the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T), Varnadore was instrumental in advancing the Small Airborne Link 16 Terminal, Small Airborne Networking Radio and Multifunctional Information Distribution System Low Volume Terminal programs for aviation and Army air defense organizations. Varnadore managed the cost, schedule and performance of these programs, while establishing a rapport and working close-



Photo by Ryan Myers
Newly promoted Col. Marcus L. Varnadore, right, is honored during a ceremony at the APG North (Aberdeen) Myer Auditorium May 15. PEO C3T Commander, Maj. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes, presented Varnadore with the Meritorious Service Medal during the ceremony.

ly with stakeholder communities. He oversaw the implementation of a non-developmental item procurement strategy for AMF small airborne radios, which will allow the Army to procure lower-cost, yet fully capable radios from industry. These software programmable radios are designed to provide aviation platforms with the capability to join the Army’s terrestrial networks as part of the combined arms team, allowing the trans-

mission of data, voice and video over a wireless, secure network. Varnadore began his military career in 1987 when he enlisted as a 29E Electronic Radio Repairer. He received his commission as a second lieutenant in 1992 and was assigned to the Aviation Branch. Varnadore joined the Army Acquisition Branch in 2001 and served in numerous acquisition assignments including Program and Plans Officer at the Army

Research Laboratory; Assistant Product Manager for Aircraft Survivability Equipment at the Technology Application Program Office; Rotary Wing Aircraft Systems Acquisition Manager for the Special Operations Command’s Research, Development and Acquisition Center; and Deputy U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Capability Manager for Reconnaissance and Attack helicopters in the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence.

During the ceremony, the Army honored Varnadore for his promotion to colonel, and he received the Meritorious Service Medal.

Varnadore’s wife, Ayesha, received the Commander’s Award for Public Service for her support to Soldiers and families assigned to APG.

Ayesha Varnadore was instrumental in reestablishing the APG community Spouses Club, serving as the organization’s president. She contributed to numerous activities for the APG military and civilian community, including creating scholarship opportunities for high school seniors and adult continued education, shopping for locally sponsored families during the holiday season and building houses to support Habitat for Humanity. She also received a PEO C3T Certificate of Appreciation for supporting her husband during his Army career.

“Col. Varnadore built a strong foundation that we will continue to leverage as we procure radios for the Army’s aviation fleet,” said Col. James P. Ross, project manager for Tactical Radios (PM TR). “Though it is sad to see him leave, I am very proud of his work at PM TR.”

SHARP takes the stage during vignette performances

Story and photo by **COURTNEY WHITE**
ATEC

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command and Team APG teamed up during this year’s Sexual Assault and Awareness Prevention Month observance to feature the third season of Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention Vignettes April 29 at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater.

The SAAPM theme, “Sustaining the Momentum,” is focused on eliminating sexual assault from the Army’s ranks. Earlier this year, the Army, and Aberdeen Proving Ground, hosted summits to provide a forum to educate, train and communicate new ways of preventing sexual offenses.

APG personnel were invited to come out and witness dramatizations, referred to as SHARP Vignettes, of various scenarios that depicted situations of sexual harassment in an office environment. The goal of the vignettes is to raise awareness in an engaging way to demonstrate ways to encourage empowerment of personnel to prevent and report incidences of sexual harassment and assault, explained Jody Jackson, ATEC SHARP program manager and lead for the vignettes.

“Our vignettes are in line with the

Army’s mission and message,” Jackson said. “We wanted to showcase the different scenarios that military, civilian, and contractors may encounter at work or in the community.”

Staff Sgt. Lakisha McClendon, guest speaker from the 310th Military Intelligence Battalion at Fort Meade, Maryland, shared her personal story of survival from sexual assault and domestic violence.

“I’m sure someone in the audience has been through what I’ve been through or a similar situation,” said McClendon as she explained why participating in this year’s SHARP event was so important to her. “I would like to give courage to that person to also tell their story or even just seek help at the end of the day. My hope is that they will either find help or speak to me and ask how did I do it, and maybe I can help them.”

Command Sgt. Maj. William G. Bruns, APG senior command sergeant major, hosted the SAAPM observance. Bruns commented on the importance of implementing SHARP as a leader to ensure that the mission is fully executed.

“SHARP is an enabler. If you don’t take care of that, it will overtake your mission.” Bruns went on to say that the successful execution of SHARP rests on



Christina McClung, left, and Sgt. 1st Class Milvia Kendrick, U.S Army Test and Evaluation Command cast members, act out a sexual harassment scenario during the 3rd Annual Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention Program Vignette event, April 29, at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater.

the leadership. “It has to be a drum that is pounded, and there is no space for it.” The SAAPM observance concluded with presentation of certificates of appreciation to participants who put on a successful production. Among those recipients were several ATEC personnel

who served as vignette cast members. The recently opened APG SHARP Resource Center is located at the Janet M. Barr Soldier Center, Bldg. 4305. For help or further information, please contact the APG SHARP Hotline at 410-322-7154.



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

2015 Slim Down Challenge Biggest Losers				
Ranking	Code Name	Unit	Weight loss (lbs)	Weight Loss (%)
1	Boh	ECBC	31.2lbs	-15.5%
2	TrimJ11	CECOM	38.6lbs	-15.2%
3	ROK HARD	JPEO-CBD	33.0lbs	-11.7%
4	D.McCaskey	ECBC	29.4lbs	-11.1%
5	Flanny	ECBC	16.2lbs	-11.1%
6	WW	PHC	32.8lbs	-10.6%
7	JP	ECBC	20.6lbs	-10.0%
8	Boss Hogg	PHC	26.5lbs	-10.0%
9	Farm Girl	NEC	17.5lbs	-9.5%
10	Parameter	NEC	16.0lbs	-9.5%

Chart by Molly Blossie

Slim Down challenge announces “Biggest Losers”

From left, Second-place winner Barron Williams of the Communications-Electronics Command, and First-place winner Natalie Polk of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center are all smiles at the conclusion of the Installation Slim Down Challenge. Each lost more than 30 pounds during the annual three-month long competition geared toward inspiring healthy lifestyles.

“I’m feeling good,” said Polk, who lost four pant sizes. She said along with changed eating habits, she attended Boot Camp exercise classes at Hoyle Gym in APG South (Edgewood) and took on a Beach Body 21-day fitness regimen.

“It’s meant a whole change in lifestyle,” she said. “I’ve been losing two pounds a week since January and I haven’t even reached my goal yet.”

Williams expressed his thanks to KUSAHC, the Army Wellness Center and CECOM health coordinators.

“I’m just thankful for their support of this program and for all the work that went into it,” he said, adding that the health and fitness classes, fairs and demonstrations offered throughout the challenge kept him motivated.

“It was just wholehearted support that really helped to keep me focused on my goal,” he said.

Third place went to James Davidson of JPEO CBD. Capt. Joanna Moore of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic hosted the award presentation.



All Things Maryland

Hankering for a snowball

Marylanders cool off with popular summer treat

Story and photos by
STACY SMITH
APG News

Call a snowball the same thing as a “sno-cone,” “shaved ice” or, heaven forbid, “Italian ice”, and old-time Marylanders will quickly correct you. We can be pretty particular about our snowballs. To native Marylanders, this cold treat consists of ice that’s crushed, not shaven, with flavored syrup, served in a foam, nondescript cup, and eaten with a plastic spoon. Chunky ice is the essential component; it keeps the ice from melting and turning into a soupy mess on hot days.

Despite having multiple, national competitors, the Maryland snowball’s presentation and sizing remain unpretentious; no coffee shop “venti” sizes or half-fat soy options here, which makes this sweet treat a simple pleasure to order and enjoy.

But the snowball is not without added extras. Rich toppings like marshmallow and chocolate syrup can be ordered for less than a dollar, and diet and sugar-free flavors are also available.

Children can enjoy flavors named after their favorite cartoon and superhero characters. A local snowball stand in Aberdeen even sells specialty video ‘gamer’ flavors with names like “Mario” and “Luigi.” Snowball stand owner Kelly Schmidt said that combining old favorites can unintentionally inspire a new flavor altogether.

“It was at the peak of Harry Potter,” Schmidt said. “One of our workers combined two flavors together and it looked like fire. So I thought, ‘that sort of looks like the flaming phoenix.’ That’s the Hawaiian, egg custard, and strawberry.”

Schmidt said several regular customers, as well as many out-of-towners who tasted snowballs for the first time at her stand.

One customer, a recent Maryland transplant from San Diego, California, said she’d like to open a Maryland-style snowball stand when she returns home, and even asked Schmidt if she could job-shadow her.

“I’m in love with these [snowballs],” said the customer, whose husband’s Navy career brought them to Maryland. “Now I can’t return home [to San Diego]; I’d be



(Clockwise from left) San Diego, California natives, Xander, left, and Gabriel Eggleston, enjoy a refreshing Maryland-style snowball outside a local snowball stand in Aberdeen.

An egg custard snowball is topped off with marshmallow, a popular topping.

Kacee Schmidt, daughter of local snowball stand owner Kelly Schmidt, adds egg custard flavoring to crushed ice. Egg custard was one of the first snowball flavors created, and remains the most-requested flavor today.



craving these all the time.”

According to an article published in Baltimore’s offbeat “City Paper,” the snowball dates back to the American Industrial Revolution of the mid-1800s, when ice became commercially available. New York ice houses shipped huge blocks of ice down south, and the wagons they traveled on passed through Baltimore. Children would run up to the ice wagons begging for small scrapings of ice to help

them cool off during Baltimore’s notoriously humid summer months.

Before long, mothers started to make flavoring in anticipation of their children receiving ice. The first flavor they made – now a Baltimore classic – was egg custard, which was easy to make because it contained just a few, basic ingredients: eggs, vanilla and sugar.

“Egg custard is still the number one [flavor],” Schmidt said, adding that other

popular flavors include chocolate, cherry and sky-lite.

The snowball’s popularity rose during the Great Depression, as it was one of the few treats people could afford. Today, roadside snowball stands and trucks can be found all over the state, making snowballs a staple of summertime in Maryland, and one of the few treats that can still be purchased with pocket change.

Quick-acting APG employees save a life

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**
APG News

Jumping into action and performing CPR can mean the difference between life and death for someone suffering from a cardiac arrest.

For an employee at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, the immediate response of his coworkers and the readily available Directorate of Emergency Services resources on post saved his life.

ARL employees Cindy Bedell, John Polesne and Bob Grosso were in a conference room in late April for the presentation of length of service awards when coworker Steve Polyak collapsed.

“It looked like someone had fallen out of their chair,” Bedell said. “His coworker [Polesne] was trying to talk to him and I knew it was something serious.”

After confirming someone else was calling 911, Bedell began clearing the room. Then Polesne asked if anyone had medical experience or knew CPR.

“I knew he needed help right away,” Polesne said. “I got him onto his back, opened his airway and tried to get him to respond.”

By then, Grosso was stripping off his suit jacket and rushing to Polyak to perform CPR compressions – an immediate response Grosso said he doesn’t remember, calling it an automatic reflex.

“I went over and Bob was already giving compressions,” Bedell said. “I made sure his head was back and his airway was clear. I counted Bob’s compressions and gave a breath every 30 compressions. We just kept doing that until the EMTs arrived.

As the ARL employees provided emergency aid to Polyak, members of DES Fire and Emergency Services were mobilizing just a few buildings away.

When APG emergency personnel arrived, they took over CPR, the automated external defibrillator (AED) and Polyak’s medical care. He was transported to a hospital in Havre de Grace and then later airlifted to the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

In the unfortunate circumstance of a cardiac arrest on APG, the best possible series of events occurs in this exact order.

“The immediate sequence of events that

occur during a cardiac incident are critical,” said APG Acting Fire Chief Adam Ballard.

“From initial CPR training, quick action calling 911 after the event, implementing that CPR training and having the courage to react, followed by an expedient response from DES and timely transport to a hospital emergency room – it all significantly increases the patient’s chance of survival and recovery.”

Fortunately for Polyak, the three coworkers who rushed to his aid all had prior CPR experience. Bedell, a former Army colonel, takes CPR training once a year and has worked as a lifeguard. Polesne worked as a volunteer firefighter years ago and comes from a family of firefighters. Grosso is a former Air Force medic.

Even more fortunate is that Grosso, Polesne and Bedell were all just a few steps away when Polyak needed assistance. All three echoed the same sentiment of gratitude for being in the right place at the right time.

“I’m just glad I was there and Bob was there and we were able to help. It would be terrible if he [Polyak] had been alone,” Bedell said.

“I don’t believe in coincidences,” Grosso said. “God puts you where you need to be, when you need to be there. I’m so thankful I could be there to help.”

“It’s nothing short of a miracle,” Polesne said.

Polyak is now resting at home and expected to make a full recovery.

“Needless to say, I’m incredibly grateful to Mr. Grosso, Mr. Polesne and Ms. Bedell. Words can’t convey my appreciation,” Polyak said over the phone while recovering at home. “And to all the fire department members as well. I literally wouldn’t be here without them.

“I look forward to meeting them all and thanking each of them personally,” he said.

CPR training

The three ARL employees who rushed to Polyak’s aid represent just 30 percent of the U.S. population who feel confident administering CPR should the situation arise, as estimated by the American Heart Association.

Recognizing the vital role immediate

Hands-only CPR can save lives

Most people who experience cardiac arrest at home, work or in a public place die because they don’t receive immediate CPR from someone on the scene. As a bystander, don’t be afraid. Your actions can only help.

Hands-only CPR has been shown to be as effective as conventional CPR for a cardiac arrest outside of the hospital. It can double or even triple a victim’s chance of survival.

If you see a teen or adult suddenly collapse:

- (1) **Call 911 right away.**
- (2) **Push hard and fast in the center of the chest to the beat of the disco song “Stayin’ Alive” until emergency medical personnel arrive.**

CPR with compressions and breathing, at a ratio of two breaths for every 30 compressions is recommended for infants, children, and victims of drowning, drug overdose, or people who collapse due to breathing problems.

For more information, visit www.heart.org

TWO STEPS TO STAYING ALIVE

WITH HANDS-ONLY™ CPR

1

Call 9-1-1

2

Push hard and fast in the center of the chest to the beat of 'Stayin' Alive' by the Bee Gees

Graphic by American Heart Association

CPR plays for a critical patient, DES offers monthly CPR training for Team APG.

“We offer CPR and AED trainings open to the entire APG community once a month, alternating between APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood),” said Mike Slayman, APG assistant chief of emergency medical services. “We also offer organizational CPR and AED training upon request.”

A schedule of upcoming CPR trainings is printed each week in the “Mark Your Calendar” section of the APG News. Members of Team APG can also call Slayman at 410-306-0566 for more information.

“It doesn’t take much to get your CPR training and your AED certification,” Polesne said. “I truly think that’s what saved this man’s life – to act and respond early. It’s the difference between life and death.”

MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION



Upcoming Activities

SAVE THE DATE FAREWELL TO VINNIE DINNER THEATER THURSDAY MAY 21

The APG Drama Group presents “Farewell to Vinnie” a murder mystery and dinner theater performance. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., buffet begins at 6 and the show starts promptly at 7. The performance contains adult language and is not for children under 12.

Admission is \$10 for active-duty Soldiers, \$15 for civilians and \$5 for teens. To purchase tickets, contact the Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/3907 or email usarmy.apg.imcom.list.apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@mail.mil. Visit www.apgmwr.com for more information.

2015 U.S. ARMY SOLDIER SHOW TUESDAY JUNE 16

The 2015 U.S. Army Soldier Show Tour will stop at APG June 16 at the APG North (Aberdeen) post theater. Free and open to the public, doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7.

The Soldier Show is a live Broadway-style variety performance featuring the Army’s best talent. It’s singing, it’s dancing and it’s amazing! Each year, Army Entertainment brings together a talented troupe of performers who are selected through a rigorous audition process.

This year’s production, “We Serve” explores the foundational elements of what it means to serve, in and out of uniform, as well as how our country in return serves them.

For more information about the Soldier Show performance at APG, call 410-278-4011.

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES CYSS PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY MAY 27

The next CYSS Parent Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) youth center, Bldg. E1902. CYSS has established a Parent Advisory Committee Board (PAC) that represents all of our programs.

Parents are encouraged to attend if they have a child that is currently enrolled in any program offered by CYSS. Any CYSS patron who has a child enrolled in a full time CYSS program will receive 2 Parent Participation Points for their attendance. Patrons are free to bring their own lunch if desired.

For additional information please, contact myria.i.figueroa.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-2572.

TENNIS REGISTRATION OPEN THROUGH JUNE 1

Registration for the Youth Tennis Program is open through June 1. Open to children ages 7-14, the program will run every Wednesday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. June 24 through Aug. 5 at the CRD tennis courts next to the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. Practice includes the basics of all strokes, scoring and matches.

The program costs \$40 per child. For more information, email william.m.kegley3.naf@mail.mil or call 410-306-2297.

READ TO THE RHYTHM STORY TIME TUESDAY JUNE 16

A special Story Time will take place at the Bayside Community Center from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Soldiers from the 2015 U.S. Army Soldier Show will read during the “Read to the Rhythm” story time, presented by the APG Library in conjunction with the Army Summer Reading Program.

For more information, call 410-278-3417.

LET’S COOK! INTERNATIONAL COOKING CLASS JULY 6-10 & AUGUST 3-7

CYSS will host an international cooking class that will teach children skills to prepare food from different places around the world.

The first session will run Monday, July 6 to Friday July 10. The second session will run Monday, Aug. 3 to Friday, Aug. 7. Each session will be held at the Corvias Community Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Children will learn about sanitation, kitchen safety and different recipes that require little help from parents. Each session includes a \$35 supply fee and is open to children ages 7 to 15.

For more information, email shirelle.j.womack.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-4589.

SPORTS & RECREATION LUNCH & BOWL THROUGH JUNE 30

The APG Bowling Center will offer “Lunch & Bowl” each Monday, Tuesday and Friday through June 30.

For \$10, bowlers can receive one game of bowling, shoe rental and a box lunch between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The box lunch includes a choice of sandwich (ham, turkey, club, tuna or chicken Caesar), a bottle of water, chips or pasta salad and two freshly baked cookies.

For faster service, call in box-lunch

orders ahead of time, before 10:30 a.m., at 410-278-4041.

For more information, contact Richard Burdette at richard.g.burdette2.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-4041.

MILES FOR MAY FITNESS MONTH THROUGH END OF MAY

Open to all eligible MWR patrons, staff and participants will track the miles they walk during May. At the end of the competition certificates and medals will be awarded to the top three men and top three women. Call the Athletic Center at 410-278-7933/7934, Hoyle Gym at 410-436-3375, or the Fitness Center at 410-278-9725 for more information.

KAYAK CLASSES MAY-JUNE

APG Outdoor Recreation will host two-day kayak classes on the following dates:

- May 28 & 29
- June 4 & 5
- June 11 & 12
- June 29 & 30

The first day of each session is instruction, the second day is an excursion. The two-day class is \$50 per person. Class begins at the APG Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 2184, at 6 p.m. and ends at dusk.

For more information, or to register, contact the Outdoor Rec. Office at 410-278-4124.

2015 SWIMMING POOL PASSES

MWR pools open Memorial Day weekend. Get ready for summer now and purchase your summer pool passes.

Pool passes are on sale now at the Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 2184, and the Leisure Travel offices at APG North (Aberdeen) and APG South (Edgewood) recreation centers.

Passes can also be purchased at the Bayside Pool on APG South or the Olympic Pool on APG North during operating hours, starting Saturday, May 23.

Pool pass prices:

- 30-day Individual Pass - \$35
- 30-day Family Pass - \$70
- Season Individual Pass - \$85
- Season Family Pass - \$175

Passes are valid May 23 to Sept. 7, 2015.

Active duty service members and their families swim free.

For more information, call 410-278-4124/5789 or email usag-mwr-outdoor-rec@mail.mil.

EQUIPMENT RENTALS ONGOING

The MWR Outdoor Recreation Office offers countless items for rent to make a summer barbeque or party complete, including barbecue grills, bounce houses, canopies, coolers, kayaks, yard games and camping gear. Visit www.apgmwr.com for price list. Call 410-278-4124/5789 for more information.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE SUCCESSFUL MONEY MANAGEMENT TUESDAY MAY 26

ACS will host a one-hour seminar covering the importance of effective financial management, from setting short and long-term financial goals to learning how to stick to a budget. The class will be held at Bldg. 2503 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Participants will gain a better understanding of their personal spending habits and how to design their own plan for success.

Registration is required. For more information, or to register, call 410-278-7572.

HOME SELLING SEMINAR WEDNESDAY MAY 27

ACS will host a one-hour seminar covering the home selling process, from staging to settlement, at Bldg. 2503 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Learn to prepare and stage your home, get the necessary documents in order, what happens when your house goes on the market, how to keep yourself and your valuables safe, and what happens on settlement day.

Registration is required. For more information, or to register, contact Marilyn Howard at Marilyn.e.howard.civ@mail.mil or call 410-278-9669/7572.

REUNION/ REINTEGRATION TRAINING THURSDAY JUNE 11

ACS will host a Reunion/Reintegration Training at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel, Bldg. 2485, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The training will prompt participants to think about how things are going since being back home after deployment. Highlights include: expectations, reintegration adjustments, strategies and resources, and healthy communication.

Family members are invited to attend. For more information, call ACS at 410-278-7572/2180.

Learn more about APG MWR activities and services by going online at www.apgmwr.com and downloading the FMWR Directory.

PAYDAY SCRAMBLE

FRIDAY, MAY 29

RUGGLES GOLF COURSE
11 AM REGISTRATION
1 PM SHOTGUN START
6 PM AWARDS AND PRIZES

\$35 ANNUAL MEMBER AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY
\$50 ALL OTHERS
PRICE INCLUDES ON COURSE LUNCH
AND BEVERAGES, AND PRIZES

FOR MORE INFOAMTION CONTACT
THE PRO SHOP AT 410-278-4794

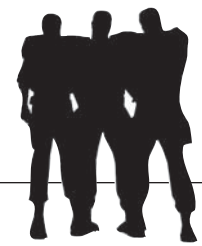
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MEMORIES OF ‘NAM



AFW honors Vietnam series vets

Story and Photo by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

For 10 Vietnams veterans, May 13 was a special day at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Forty to 50 years ago, these 10 veterans served in and around the jungles of South Vietnam, or supported those who did. They then returned home to a grim nation and quietly went about resuming their lives. All of them went on to become productive members of society and most looked back on their war years only on occasion or while bantering with war buddies.

Each of the veterans was featured in the ongoing “Remembering ‘Nam” series in the APG News. Willingly, they shared their stories. None were particularly heroic or jaw-dropping. But all provided a snapshot of what life was like for American forces in South Vietnam back then.

When they arrived at the recreation center for the Armed Forces Week open house, the Vietnam vets found a display for the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War, designed around them. Inspired by the Garrison’s Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, the Visual Information Services/Training Division designed banners to decorate the walls, including a special banner, featuring the veterans’ photographs. That banner stood next to a table that held framed copies of the veteran’s stories.

What followed was a period of “getting to know you” followed by hugs, pats on the back, and a cake-cutting of the 50th Commemoration cake led by Garrison Deputy Glenn Wait.

Each veteran expressed amazement and then pleasure that such a fuss was being made over them.

“I never had anyone tell me thank you,” said Marcelino Burgos of Abingdon. “I thought it looked very nice and had a lot of information people knew nothing about,” he said of the display.

“I thought it was fantastic,” added Jesse J. Shanks, Sr., who stayed for the entire day’s celebration that included a ceremony for 60 military recruits and their families. “I appreciate it so much that somebody thought enough of us to go to this kind of trouble. It’s humbling.”

Carolyn Baker, the Vietnam-era WAC (Women’s Army Corp) member said she thought it was commendable for APG “to recognize those who served while serving current and future service members at the same time.”

“I loved that display and thought they did a fantastic job,” she said. “It’s just nice to see veterans getting recognition for their service. It’s always nice not to be forgotten.”

The 10 were strangers to each other when they arrived at APG May 13; but they left the best of friends

The APG News introduced its tribute to the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War in its Sept. 4, 2014 issue. The introductory article stated that the purpose of the monthly tribute was to profile local Vietnam veterans to not only share their stories but to examine how the experience – for better or worse - affected their lives.

The series, “Remembering ‘Nam,”



Nine of the 10 veterans featured thus far in the APG News series “Remembering ‘Nam” pose together at the Vietnam 50th Commemoration display in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center May 13. (From left) Robert Richardson of the Directorate of Emergency Services; John Gostomski; Ron Taylor; retired DES police Lt. Joseph Davis; Carolyn Baker, department commander, Maryland American Legion; Charles “Chas” Slimowicz; Walter “Wally” Mueller; Dave Yensan; and Jesse J. Shanks Sr. Not shown is Marcelino Burgos.

kicked off in the Sept. 11, 2014 issue of the APG News and continues indefinitely. Its subjects thus far have included (in order of appearance):

Carolyn Baker – Sept. 11, 2014

Carolyn Baker is the daughter of a World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veteran. Her brother is a Vietnam veteran and she is a Vietnam-era veteran who joined the Women’s Army Corps right after high school. On July 18, 2014, Baker was elected as the Commander of the American Legion Department of Maryland. She is the first female elected to the position in its 96-year history.

John Gostomski – Oct. 2, 2014

The son of an Infantryman who was drafted right after Pearl Harbor, Gostomski joined the Air Force in 1968 during his senior year of high school. He served two tours – from 1969 to 1970 and from 1971 to 1972. He retired from the APG Directorate of Public Works in 2013 after a 30-year career.

Charles (Chas) Slimowicz – Oct. 23, 2014

On his first tour in ‘Nam, in 1966, retired Lt. Col. Charles “Chas” Slimowicz – known as Lt. Slim to his Soldiers – served as a UH-1 helicopter 01 Bird-dogs as a platoon leader. He served as an operations officer with the 219th Reconnaissance Airplane Company during his second tour in 1969. Slimowicz retired in 1989 after 23 years of service. He and his wife, also a retired lieutenant colonel and former head nurse at APG’s Kirk Army Hospital, settled in Bel Air.

Walter (Wally) Mueller- Nov. 13, 2014

Commissioned in the Medical Service Corps, Wally Mueller served

with the 498th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) from 1966 to 1967. He left the service in 1969 and took a position with the Maryland National Guard in Edgewood in 1989. He retired as the Deputy Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency in Reisterstown in 2006 after 42 years of service.

Dave Yensan – Dec. 11, 2014

Retired Maj. Dave Yensan enlisted in the Army before he was out of high school in 1961. He commissioned and served two tours in ‘Nam; as a Huey pilot in 1968 during the Tet Offensive and in Saigon, 1970-71. Yensan retired in 1981 as the commander of the U.S. Army Human Engineering Laboratory at APG.

Robert L. Richardson – Feb. 26, 2015

Richardson arrived in South Vietnam’s Cam Rahn Bay in March 1969. He participated in the Battle of Hamburger Hill and was a part of the brigades’ four-battalion attack on May 20, 1969 after just two months in-country. Richardson retired at the rank of sergeant major in 2003. Today he is the operations specialist for the APG Garrison’s Directorate of Emergency Services.

Joseph Davis – March 12, 2015

Joseph Davis enlisted in the Army at age 17 in 1964 and served in France and Korea before heading to ‘Nam in 1968. He served at Bien Hoa Air Base following the Tet Offensive. After ‘Nam he joined the Maryland State Police. Two days after retiring from the state in 1996, he joined the APG Garrison’s Directorate of Emergency Services. He retired in March 2015 with 51 years of service to

the nation and to the state of Maryland.

Marcelino Burgos – March 26, 2015

Marcelino Burgos joined the Puerto Rico National Guard at age 16. He went to ‘Nam in 1965 as an Army medic and ultimately served three tours, 1965-66; 1967-68; and 1969-70. Burgos retired in 1980 and went to work for the U.S. Postal Service. He retired from the APG Post Office in 2007 with 51 years of service.

Roy Taylor – April 9, 2015

Roy Taylor joined the Marine Corps in 1953 at age 17. After a break in service he went to ‘Nam in 1965. He was assigned signed to APG in 1966 and after making warrant officer returned to ‘Nam. Taylor retired at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 2 in 1974. He worked for state agencies – in particular the State Commission on Aging, in Maryland and Ohio, before settling in Aberdeen. Today he stays active as a life-coach and mentor.

Jesse Shanks – April 23, 2015

Jessie Shanks was drafted in 1952 at age 22. He served in Japan instead of Korea and attended the Ordnance Officer Basic Course at APG in 1958. Shanks served two tours in ‘Nam from 1968-69 and from 1971-72, the first with the 610th Maintenance Battalion the second with the 62nd Engineer Battalion.

He went on to serve three tours at APG, eventually retiring at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 2 in 1972. He went on to retire as a postmaster with the U.S. Postal Service in 2003. Shanks has been a member of the APG chapel for 35 years.



APG CATCH-A-POACHER PROGRAM

A wide variety of wildlife call Aberdeen Proving Ground home. The APG Conservation Law Enforcement Branch is asking you to be a partner in protecting and preserving the natural resources here on post. If you see or have knowledge of poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources, you can use the SUBMIT-A-TIP hotline to anonymously provide information to catch a poacher.

Call the SUBMIT-A-TIP “HOTLINE” at 410-306-4673.

Emergencies or violations in progress should always be reported via 911.

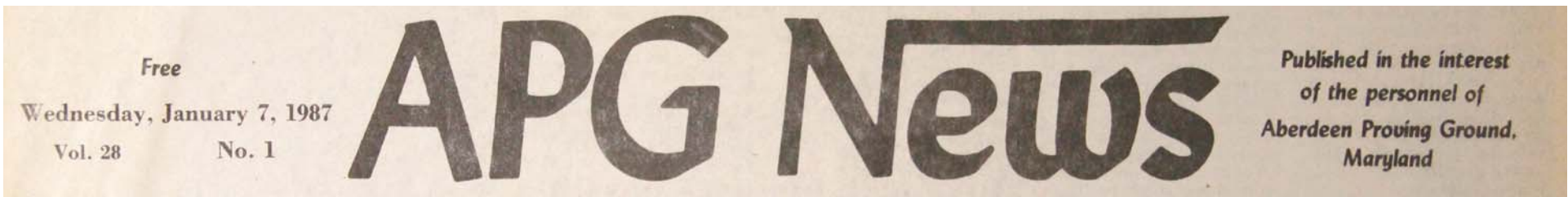
When reporting poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources on APG, please take note of the information listed in the form below.

Name/Description/Address of the Poacher
Location/Days/Times & Type of Poaching
Vehicle/Vessel Description or Registration #

You can also cut out this completed SUBMIT-A-TIP form and mail it to: 2200 Aberdeen Blvd. APG, MD 21005

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THIS WEEK IN APG HISTORY

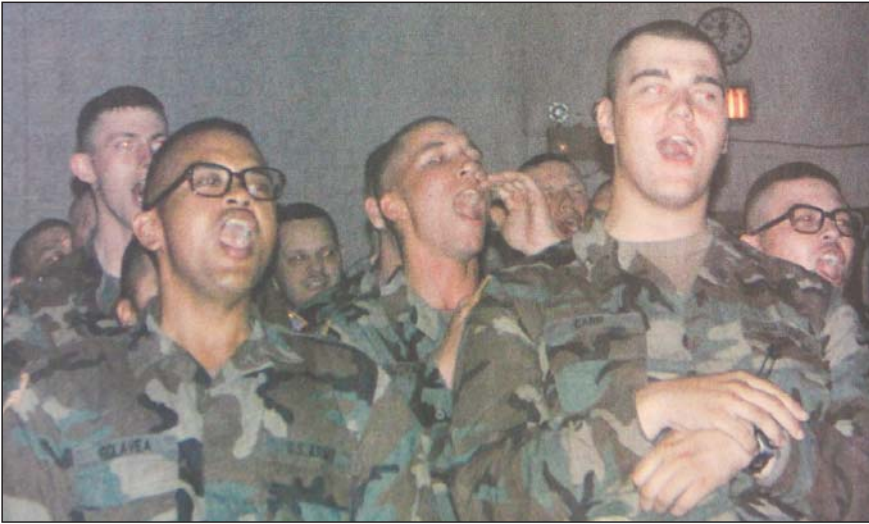


Take a look back in time as the APG News explores what made the headlines around APG during this week 10, 25 and 50 years ago. This week's APG News masthead is from 1987.

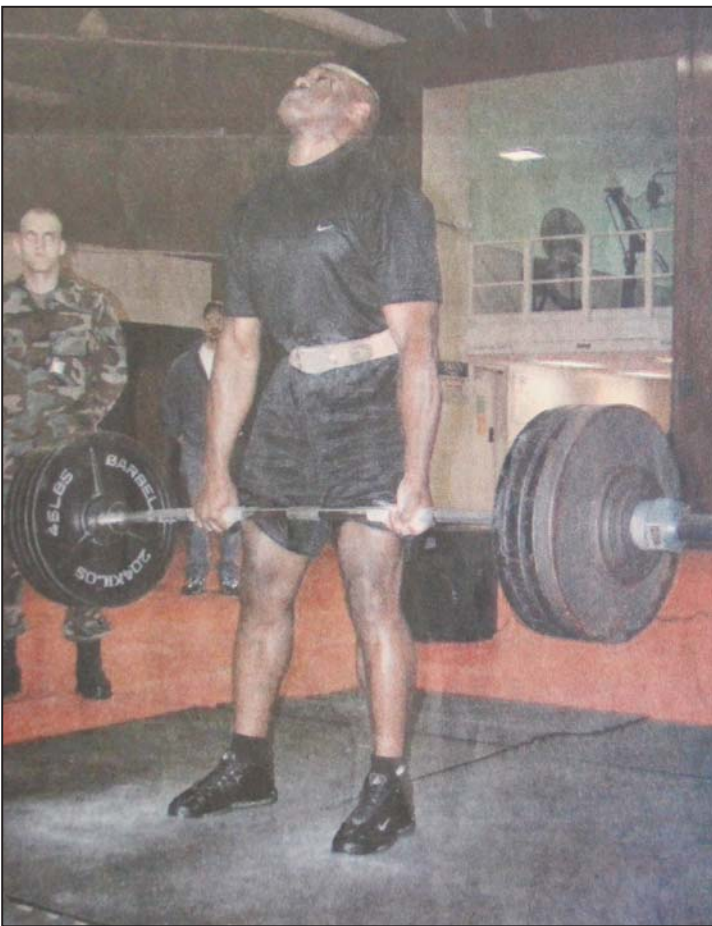
By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, APG News



10 Years Ago: May 19, 2005

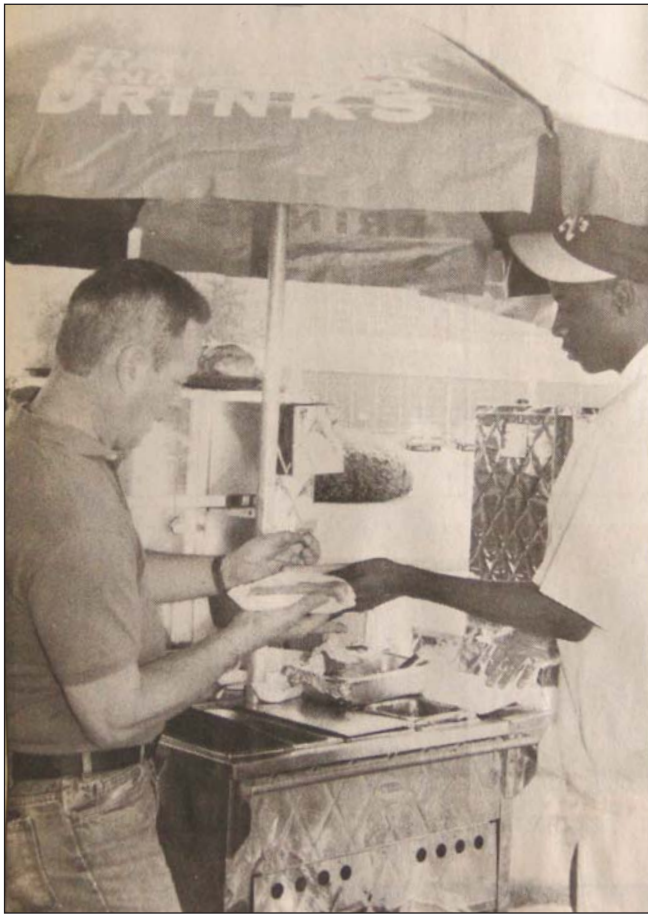


(Above) Soldiers from Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion shout their approval during a talent show at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center.



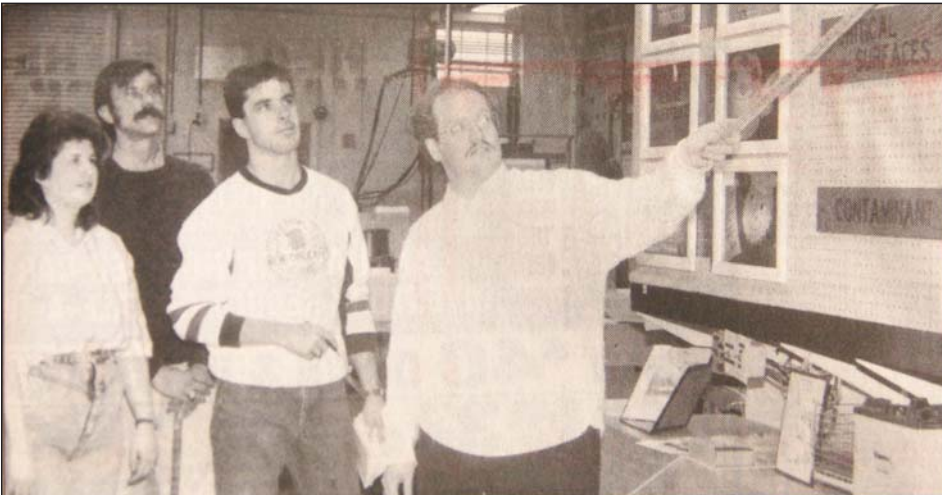
(Right) Marine Corps Master Sgt. Bari Williams lifts 450 pounds during an MWR Deadlift Competition at Hoyle Gym.

25 Years Ago: May 15, 1990



(Left) Johnny Germany of the Aberdeen Officer's Club, right, serves hot dogs to David Bush of the APG Support Activity from the popular lunch cart near Bldg. 310.

(Below) Instructor Randy Weber, right, guides students through packaging procedures at the School of Military Packaging Technology during its 40th anniversary celebration.



50 Years Ago: May 20, 1965



(Left) Capt. Andrew Carson, post veterinarian, left, inoculates an Irish setter and Weimaraner mix against rabies as veterinary assistant Sgt. 1st Class Ray Morris holds the pooch steady.



(Right) A crew perches on an M60 main battle tank while awaiting their turn in the Armed Forces Day firing demonstration. The 1965 show of Army weaponry drew 33,000 visitors to APG.

CBRNE Soldiers help halt Ebola in Liberia

By **WALTER T. HAM IV**
20th CBRNE Command

Soldiers from 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives) have helped to halt the Ebola outbreak in Liberia.

The World Health Organization declared Liberia free of Ebola, May 9, after 42 days without any new cases.

Liberia was the country most impacted by the Ebola outbreak. In September 2014, the West African nation was reporting 300 to 400 new cases a week.

Two units from 20th CBRNE Command deployed to Liberia for Operation United Assistance, the U.S. effort to contain the worst Ebola outbreak in history.

In October 2014, the 1st Area Medical Laboratory, or AML, deployed to support the U.S.-led joint task force. During their deployment, 1st AML Soldiers served with U.S. Naval Medicine Research Center personnel in Task Force Scientist, testing Ebola samples at six mobile laboratories and providing same day results to health care providers.

The 1st Area Medical Laboratory returned to Aberdeen Proving Ground in March 2015.

Earlier in March, the 48th CBRN Brigade Headquarters deployed to Liberia in to command the remaining American forces in Liberia. The Fort Hood-based CBRN brigade replaced the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) as the joint forces headquarters.

The brigade is supporting the U.S. Agency of International Development. Other response functions were and will be transitioned to civilian personnel.

The 1st AML and 48th CBRN Brigade are part of the 20th CBRNE Command, the U.S. Defense Department’s only formation that combats CBRNE threats.

Headquartered at Aberdeen Pro-



Photo by Capt. Anthony J. Freno
Soldiers of the 48th Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Brigade uncased the unit’s colors during a ceremony in support of Operation United Assistance at the U.S. Embassy in Monrovia, Liberia.

ing Ground, 20th CBRNE Soldiers and civilians are stationed on 19 posts in 16 states. The command is home to more than 85 percent of the active U.S. Army’s CBRNE capabilities, including two Explosive Ordnance Disposal groups, one CBRN brigade, Nuclear Disablement Teams, CBRNE Coordination Elements, expeditionary laborato-

ries, remediation units and consequence management formations.

Brig. Gen. JB Burton, the commanding general of 20th CBRNE Command, said the 48th CBRN Brigade and 1st AML deployments epitomized the flexibility, determination and professionalism of his life-saving command.

“These deployments demonstrate that

this command and this CBRNE enterprise must be capable of and comfortable with operating effectively across the full spectrum of CBRNE hazards,” said Burton.

“This successful humanitarian mission in Liberia is another proud chapter in the history of this one-of-a-kind command,” Burton said.

FEB recognizes PEO IEW&S employees for excellence

By **BRANDON POLLACHEK**
PEO IEW&S

Four individuals and a product manager team from the Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEW&S) received 2015 Excellence in Federal Career Awards during a May 1 luncheon hosted by the Baltimore Federal Executive Board (FEB).

The purpose of the program is to honor outstanding federal employees who have performed exceptional and meritorious work with high standards of performance in the federal government. More than 300 federal employees throughout the greater Baltimore region were recognized during the event.

“We are honored and pleased to see that the outstanding contributions made by the men and women of PEO IEW&S are consistently recognized by the FEB,” said Dr. Richard Wittstruck, acting deputy program executive officer for IEW&S. “The special part that comes out of this ceremony is that it signifies the work our team here at APG has contributed to developing and fielding systems that have ultimately aided and protected Soldiers that serve in harm’s way.”

Edwin R. Henry

Henry, who served as the director for PEO IEW&S Afghanistan, received a silver level award in Category 2b, Outstanding Professional (Administrative, Management & Specialist). During the award period, Henry deployed to Afghanistan where he successfully mitigated 11 long-standing deficiencies while managing more than 1,600 personnel and 50 systems spread throughout 40 Forward Operating Bases in the Combined/Joint Operations Area.

In total, the equipment he was responsible for managing was in excess of \$2 billion. Amongst the critical actions that took place during his deployment, Henry provided senior level support for the in-theater fielding of Full Motion Vid-



Photo by Spc. Andrew Claire Bake
John Masco, chief engineer for the Army’s Counter Remote Controlled IED Electronic Warfare (CREW) program, was recognized with a Bronze Federal Executive Board award for overseeing the platform installation of CREW systems onto numerous vehicles such as Mine-protected, ambush-protected vehicles pictured here.

eo and Common Missile Warning Systems completing 100 percent fielding of requirements.

Terence D. Humes

Humes, a program analyst for PM SAI, received a silver level award in Category 3c, Outstanding Para-Professional (Non-Supervisory) Administrative/Management Analyst. He manages a yearly budget of more than \$500 million direct and reimbursable funds and coordinates efforts with the Army Staff as well as other agencies such as Special Operations Command, Communications-Electronics Command, PEO IEW&S and PEO Aviation.

During the award period he volunteered to deploy and serve as the PM Office liaison to Task Force Observe Detect Identify and Neutralize in Afghanistan which provides critical aerial ISR assets to support commanders in theater. This assignment requires that Humes coordinate efforts associated with the deployment, operations and sustainment of more than a dozen AISR

aircraft and the associated staff of 200 contractor employees supporting this critical mission.

John D. Masco

Masco, chief engineer for the Army’s Counter Remote Controlled IED Electronic Warfare (CREW) program, was awarded a bronze level award in Category 2a, Outstanding Professional (non-supervisory) Technical, Scientific and Program support. His impact ranges from a multifaceted set of tasks that include ensuring the Army communications devices can operate in the presence of IED protection systems, and overseeing complex platform installation of the jammers, antennas and associated cables as well as development of counter measures to known and emerging threats.

During the award period Masco supported the integration of CREW systems onto more than 50 different military vehicle models. Masco’s ensure that when Army vehicles go on a mission anywhere in the world, they are protected.

Kathleen Morgan

Morgan, Project Manager Sensors-Aerial Intelligence (PM SAI) Logistics Chief, earned a Bronze award in the Distinguished Public Service Career category. Morgan has spent 39 years in federal service culminating with leadership, guidance and management of a team of more than 20 personnel and the entire portfolio of systems within PM SAI, which includes six Programs of Record and 12 Quick Reaction Capability (QRC) systems.

These aerial ISR systems support operations worldwide including locations in Afghanistan, South America, Korea, and Europe. She also served in these locations and managed a team of field service representatives with more than 500 personnel.

Big Cyber Analytics Team

The Big Cyber Team made up of Col. Joyce Stewart, Anthony Taylor, and Stuart Labovitz was recognized in the Technical, Scientific & Program Support-Team category. The Cyber Big Data team was challenged to execute a six month pilot effort to integrate and demonstrate robust and resilient analytic capabilities in support of the Army Cyber Command (ARCYBER) critical operational needs.

The team successfully worked with a number of disparate organizations to include the Army’s Intelligence & Security Command (INSCOM), the Defense Information Systems Agency, and the National Security Agency (NSA) to reduce critical operational gaps for Army Defensive Cyber Operations, Cyber Situation Awareness, and Cyber Analytics network defense in depth. The team worked to integrate DISA’s cyber situational awareness tools with components of INSCOM and NSA platforms for seamless defensive cyber operations at various echelons while also developing several cyber analytic tools to enhance cyber situation awareness and overall network security.



Angela “Angie” Cunningham

CYSS lead programmer

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

As a Child, Youth and School Services lead programmer Angela Cunningham is tasked with planning and coordinating events for school age and middle school children who attend the

APG South (Edgewood) youth center. Throughout the school year, the center offers a variety of optional after-school programs. Sign language, sewing, yoga, animals, golf, gardening and journalism are just some of the options.

Cunningham helps plan activities and assists when needed. She uses curriculum from the Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA), 4-H and other sources to create lesson plans.

Cunningham said she tries to provide challenging, fun activities that appeal to multiple age groups.

“These activities teach children self-help skills which builds their confidence,” she said.

Twice a month, Cunningham leads the youth center cooking club to teach how to plan menus and follow recipes.

She also plans monthly Family Nights and recently helped host a gardening event for Earth Day in April.

In addition to providing before- and after-school care, Cunningham is preparing for the upcoming CYSS

Summer Camp program by organizing weekly field trips to local attractions, like Washington D.C. and the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. During field trips she serves as bus driver and chaperone.

With almost 32 years of experience working for CYSS, Cunningham holds a Child Development Associate Credential from the Council for Professional Recognition.

“My favorite thing about my job is seeing children grow and learn and receiving positive feedback from them,” she said.

For more information about APG CYSS programs visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/child-youth-school-services/cyss-home> or call 410-278-7571.

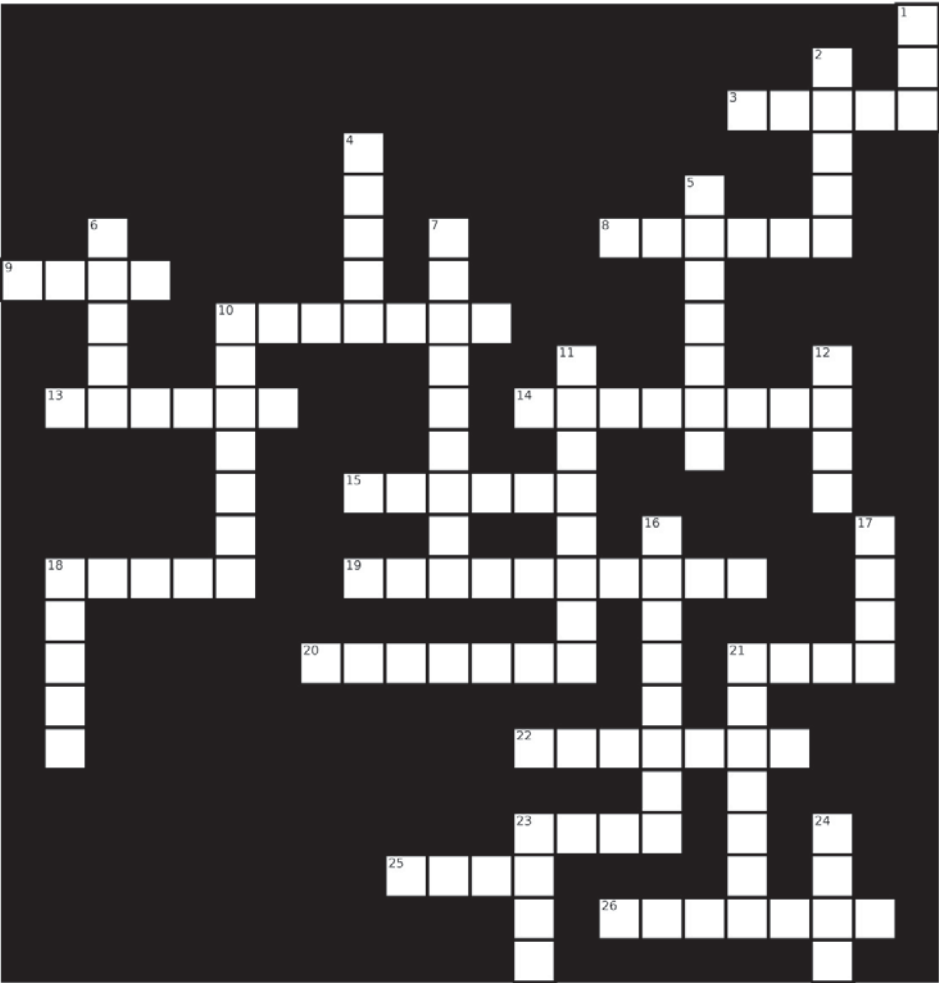


Military vehicle rally cruises into town

Norman Daurer of Hopewell Junction, New York, poses with his World War II era jeep outfitted as a Cavalry combat vehicle and emblazoned with the insignia of the 106th Cavalry Group at the 42nd Annual East Coast Rally, a military vehicle show, swap meet and flea market, held at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen. Daurer, who grew up in Germany, said the 106th convoyed through his village at the end of the war and he never forgot the GIs who always gave the village children candy.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson

The APG Crossword



By **RACHEL PONDER**, APG News

May is Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Try to solve a puzzle about these noteworthy Asian-American/Pacific Islanders.

Across

3. In the 1990s, Jerry Yang, originally from Taiwan, co-founded this popular search engine with David Filo while he was a graduate student at Stanford University. It was originally called "Jerry and David's Guide to the World Wide Web."
8. With a string of wins in early 2012, point guard Jeremy Shu-How Lin gained fame with basketball team New York _____. He generated a following known as "Linsanity."
9. Margaret Moran Cho, a Korean-American stand-up comedian, most recently played the role of Teri Lee in Lifetime Television's "Drop _____ Diva."
10. In 1997, Steven Chu was awarded the Nobel Prize in _____ for his work on cooling atoms.
13. Ang Lee, a Taiwanese-born American, has directed several hit movies including the 2000 film "Crouching Tiger, Hidden _____."
14. Before he was killed in the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster, Ellison Onizuka was the first Asian-American astronaut in space and the first person of _____ ancestry to reach space.
15. Japanese-American actor Pat Morita became a pop culture icon with his turn as Mr. Miyagi in "The _____ Kid" movies.
18. Actor and writer Fred Armisen, who is part Japanese, starred on NBC's "Saturday _____ Live" for 11 seasons.
19. This Hawaiian-American

- Olympic medalist swimmer is credited with spreading the sport of surfing. He was nicknamed "The Big Kahuna."
20. Sabeer Bhatia is an Indian-American entrepreneur who founded this email service.
21. This Taiwanese-born American internet entrepreneur is the co-founder of the video-sharing website YouTube.
22. In 1971 Herbert Choy was the first Asian-American appointed to the U.S. Court of _____ for the ninth circuit.
23. Yunjin Kim is best known in the English-speaking world for her role as Sun on this television drama series that incorporates elements of science fiction and the supernatural.
25. George Takei, a Japanese-American actor, played Lieutenant _____ in the original Star Trek.
26. This Chinese-American artist Maya Lin designed the _____ Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. at the age of 21.
11. After starring in Japan Ichiro Suzuki became the second Major League _____ player to win Rookie of the Year and MVP Awards in the same season.
12. In 1993, Connie Chung became the first Asian-American nightly _____ anchor for a major network, CBS.
16. The Far East _____ is the first Asian American group to be in the Top 10 in mainstream pop charts.
17. Known for competing against men as a teenager, Michelle Wie won her first major tournament at the 2014 U.S. Women's _____.
18. This Indian-born naturalized American is the current Chief Executive Officer of PepsiCo.
21. Yo-Yo, a French-born, Chinese American born is Paris, France was considered a child prodigy and is a Grammy Award- winning _____.
23. "The Joy _____ Club" written by Asian American Amy Tan, is a best-selling book about Chinese women and their relationships with their Chinese-American daughters.
24. This Chinese-American is the most decorated figure skaters in U.S. history. She is widely considered one of the greatest figure skaters of all time.

Down

1. This Japanese-American served as the judge in the O.J. Simpson trial.
2. Jimmy Choo is best known for designing this accessory.
4. Japanese-American actress Keiko Agena, is best known for her role as Lane on the television show "Gilmore _____."
5. Asian-American actor Haing Ngor won Best Supporting Actor in 1984 for his role in "The _____ Fields."
6. In 2001 Elaine Chao became the first female Asian-American cabinet member when she was appointed U.S. Secretary of _____.
7. She was the first Asian-American congresswoman for Illinois and the first disabled female veteran to take a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.
10. Mindy Kaling, an Indian-American actress currently stars on the Fox sitcom "The Mindy _____."

Solution to the May 14 puzzle



WORD OF THE WEEK

Eponymous

Pronounced: uh-pon-uh-muh s

Part of Speech: Adjective

Definition:

1. Something or someone that gives its name to something else.
2. Giving one's name to a tribe, place, etc.
3. Of, relating to, or being the person or thing for whom or which something is named; of, relating to, or being an eponym

Use:

- We recall Romulus as the eponymous founder of Rome.
- The eponymous young heroine of that book seized responsibility for the life her father had destroyed.
- It is a fictionalized biography of the eponymous German actress and singer.
- She worked for several designers before starting her own eponymous jeans brand.

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Source(s): <http://websters.yourdictionary.com/>; <http://dictionary.reference.com>

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

AMCOM

U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command



The Army Aviation and Missile Command supports joint warfighters and allies, assuring aviation and missile readiness with seamless transition to combat operations; supports program executive officers and project managers to enable the development, acquisition and fielding of superior aviation and missile systems in partnership with program executives officers (Aviation / Missiles & Space) and project managers. As a Life Cycle Management Command, AMCOM provides integrated engineering, logistics and contracting to more than 90 major systems.

AMCOM works closely with the Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center (AMRDEC), and its Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity provides worldwide command and control over a broad metrology and calibration program.

AMCOM was formed Oct. 1, 1997 and is headquartered at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. Maj. Gen. Jim Richardson, has been the AMCOM commander since June 12, 2014.

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Source(s): www.army.mil/AMCOM; www.wikipedia.org

Top APG NCO, Soldier, family receive honors

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part of the fabric of Harford County,” he said.

The 2015 NCO of the Year is Sgt. Alan R. Tobin of the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), 68th Chemical Company, who serves as a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosives (CBRNE) Response Team sub-team leader.

The 2015 Soldier of the Year is Spc. Jeffrey A. Miller of the 20th CBRNE Command, who serves as a satellite communications Systems (SATCOM) operator/maintainer.

Both Soldiers were awarded Army Commendation Medals and received gifts commemorating their selection from various organizations

The Conway family, consisting of Sgt. 1st Class Joseph S. Conway, of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, wife Melinda and son Jordan, 15, received the 5th Annual Family of the Year award for their support of and commitment to the APG community.

As award winners, Tobin, Miller and the Conway family will represent APG during programs and events throughout the coming year.

Tobin and Miller cited the help of their leaders and fellow Soldiers as they prepared for the grueling board process, which tests Soldier’s skills and knowledge.

“It took a lot of hard work; it was a very tough board and the competition was pretty steep,” Tobin said.

NCO of the Year

Tobin was the 2012 Solder of the Year for the 48th Chemical Brigade and the 83rd Chemical Battalion, and the 2015 NCO of the second quarter for the 22d Chemical Battalion (TE). He has also completed nine marathons and a body building competition. He holds a bachelor’s degree in exercise science. His previous duty stations include Fort Polk, Louisiana and Fort Stewart, Georgia.

“I joined the Army to serve my country and to provide a better life for my family,” he said.

A personal trainer before he joined the Army in 2010, Tobin said he thrives on competition.

“It’s all about prior preparation,” he said. “As long as you prepared for your task, you are going to be successful.”

He said he receives job satisfaction from teaching and leading junior enlisted Soldiers.

His career goals include competing for selection into the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC).

“I would advise Soldiers to attend as many boards as they can,” Tobin said. “It helps you stand out among your peers. It helps you when you go before a promotion board.”

He said his long-term goal is to complete the Green to Gold Active Duty Option Program, to complete a baccalaureate or graduate degree and become a commissioned officer

Tobin thanked his wife, Sara, for her unwavering support throughout his military career.

“He has a [more] natural drive [for success] than anyone I have ever met,” Sara Tobin said. “It is naturally engrained in him.”

Soldier of the Year

Soldier of the Year Miller, whose previous assignments include Camp Arifjan,



Photo by Molly Blossse



Photo by Robin Sommer



Photo by Molly Blossse

(Clockwise from Top Left) APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford stands with APG Soldier of the Year Spc. Jeffrey A. Miller during the 38th Military Appreciation Luncheon hosted by the Harford County Chamber of Commerce at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood May 14; Crawford pins the Army Commendation Medal on APG NCO of the Year Sgt. Alan R. Tobin, as Crawford’s wife, Dianne, looks on; From left, APG Senior Command Sgt. Maj. William Bruns and Maj. Gen. Crawford congratulate the APG Family of the Year Sgt. 1st Class Joseph S. Conway, his son Jordan, 15, and wife Melinda. Dianne Crawford, and guest speaker retired Brig. Gen. Velma L. Richardson also praised the honorees for their support of the APG community.

Kuwait, said studying for a recent promotion board helped prepare him for the Soldier of the Year board.

“My advice [to fellow Soldiers] is to go in there with confidence, go in with what you know,” he said of the board.

Miller joined the Army in 2012. He said he wanted to be a Soldier since he was a young boy. A self-described history buff, he was inspired by his great grandfather, who served in World War II.

“There is a picture of my great grandfather at my grandmother’s house of him parachuting at Normandy. That was always a fun thing to look at,” he said.

Miller’s career goals include becoming a non-commissioned officer, and competing-for selection into SAMC.

“I want to lead and train other Soldiers that come in after me,” he said. “I have had great NCOs that have helped me get to where I am at now. I want to repay it back.”

He said he plans to finish his degree in criminal justice from Howard University in Washington, D.C

Miller is married to wife Thania and

has one child, Harley, 3 months.

“I am very proud of him, it took a lot of hard work [to receive this award],” she said.

Family of the Year

The Conway family called volunteering “rewarding.” In 2014, they donated 2,000 hours to support APG.

Some of the family’s community volunteer efforts include managing the 2014 Angel Tree Project, which fulfilled wishes for more than 200 families, selling wreaths to support youth ministries and helping the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program set up and distribute food for the Maryland Food Banks.

Sgt. 1st Class Conway serves as the SAMC treasurer and was selected to stand as guardian over the memorial during the remembrance ceremony for Maj. Gen. Harold Greene, a former APG leader who was killed in Afghanistan last year.

Melinda Conway organized and established the ATEC Family Readiness Group and regularly volunteers for Army Com-

munity Service and the Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC).

Jordan Conway is a junior mentor to underprivileged and troubled peers and volunteers for his church, school and ACS.

Last month, Melinda was selected the Volunteer Family Member and Overall APG Volunteer of the Year and Jordan was named Youth Volunteer of the Year.

“Sometimes I say I was born to be a volunteer, to help out wherever is needed,” she said. “I want to give back to other military families. I don’t do it for recognition, I just like helping other people.”

Sgt. 1st Class Conway added that he is proud of his family.

“The award that I get is seeing the happiness of others,” he said.

In addition to awards, the program featured the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy color guard and remarks by guest speaker retired Army Brig. Gen. Velma L. Richardson. Sgt. Javon A. Griffith, of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, sang the national anthem and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leaders praise APG survivors for strength

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a part of the community.”

APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, welcomed the survivors and visitors as they dined on eggs, sausage, home fries and more, prepared by chapel volunteers.

Crawford said that based on what he’s seen, survivors are not only surviving, but thriving. He praised the survivors in attendance for their strength, thanked them for inspiring the community and assured them that APG will continue to stand by them.

“Thank you for showing us how to deal with difficult situations and live beyond,” he said. “I don’t see SOS families as [people in need]. I think it’s more accurate to say that we need you more than you need us.”

Janice Chance, chaplain of the Maryland Gold Star Mothers, thanked Crawford and APG for their hospitality.

“I love how you bring us all together so we can be one team,” she said. “It’s an honor to see the things [APG is] doing here not only for our men and women in uniform, but for this community. Every day is Memorial Day for us and we will continue to do everything we can to make a difference in this world in which we live.”



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

APG leaders pose with survivors and staff members during the Surviving Family Breakfast May 13. From left, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Adams, Casualty Officer Ivan Willy, Tonya Armstead, Danielle Charles, Yvonne Green, Janice Chance, Garrison Deputy to the Commander Glenn Wait, APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton, Donna Robinson, Erika Rivers, Carmelita Johnson, Katie Hart and APG Senior Command Sgt. Maj. William Bruns.

See more photos from events around APG <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>

Community salutes area’s newest recruits

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APG Senior Command Sgt. Maj. William G. Bruns. He said they sought to recognize future service members, just as the community recognizes young people heading off to college or beginning their careers.

Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley, commanding general of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, thanked the future service members for making the commitment to support and defend the U.S. Constitution.

“Armed Forces Week would not be complete if we didn’t recognize our future generation,” Utley said. “Those here today truly deserve our unwavering support and respect.”

He said he recognized the complex and difficult conditions this new generation of Americans will face. He added that these men and women, many of whom are 21-years-old and younger, are smart and motivated, and he’s “very confident they will succeed.”

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, Utley also took a moment to honor Vietnam War veterans, and thanked them for their service to the nation. Quoting President Barack Obama, he said, “While no words will ever be fully worthy of their service, nor any honor truly befitting their sacrifice, let us remember that it is never too late to pay tribute to the men and women who answered the call of duty with courage and valor.”

The ceremony also recognized the parents and family members of future Soldiers, Marines and Sailors for their outstanding sacrifice and dedication. Additionally, parents and guardians received a token of appreciation for rais-



Photo by Molly Blossse
Marine recruit Aaron Peterson of Edgewood, Maryland, center, shares an emotional moment with his parents, Jennifer and Edward Schneider, during the Our Community Salutes reception at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center May 13.

ing men and women who will serve, protect and defend the nation.

“You have given America your most precious resource to defend our great nation,” Dixon said.

Bruns and Dianne Crawford, wife of Maj. Gen. Crawford, presented certificates of appreciation, personalized Armed Forces Week identification “dog tags” and personalized 2-star notes to each future service member.

Dixon offered a rousing welcome to all the new armed forces recruits.

“Congratulations on your decision to enlist in the United States Armed Forces, the greatest fighting force the world has ever known. On behalf of the U.S. Army, I welcome you into the ranks and wish you the very best in the ventures that lie ahead.”

After the ceremony, which was followed by a cake-cutting and reception, the future service members and their families shared memories, laughter and tears.

Susanna Ayala-Ray said she attended the ceremony to support her niece,

Jasmine Ayala, 17, who has enlisted in the Marine Corps and will begin recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina Sept. 9.

“I’m very proud of her. I’m going to miss her dearly, but she’s making a good choice for herself,” she said. “She’s motivated and it’s just going to build her a better future.” Ayala said she joined the Marine Corps because she was looking for a challenge, and the armed forces was a natural fit because she descends from a long line of service members.

“I knew that I wanted to do something that involved the armed forces, because it is a selfless thing to do,” Ayala said. “I believe I’ll be changed as a better person [and] be a lot more dedicated to helping those around me.”

Elsyd Lapa, 20, said he has thought about joining the Army since he was a child. This year, he finally decided to make his dream a reality.

“I’ve been a big fan of the Army ever since I was a kid,” he said.

Lapa begins basic training July 20 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He and his family emigrated from the Philippines five years ago.

“America [has] the largest and strongest military in the world,” Lapa said.

Attendees included Brig. Gen. J.B. Burton, commander of the 20th CBRNE Command; APG Garrison Commander Col. Gregory R. McClinton; Lt. Col. David Zinnante, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Commander; Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffery O. Adams; Command Sgt. Maj. Harold Dunn, 20th CBRNE Command; Mayor of Aberdeen Michael E. Bennett; and Bret Schreiber, Harford County director of governmental and community relations.

Did You Know?

The American Red Cross celebrates its 134th birthday May 21.



Civil War Nurse Clara Barton and friends founded the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C. on May 21, 1881. During a visit to Europe after the war, Barton was inspired by the International Red Cross headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, which led to her campaign for the establishment of an American Red Cross.

She served as the organization’s first president until 1904. During her tenure the Red Cross conducted its first domestic and overseas disaster relief efforts, aided the United States military during the Spanish-American War, and campaigned successfully for the inclusion of peacetime relief work as part of the global Red Cross network.

The Red Cross received its first congressional charter in 1900 and a second in 1905.

During World War I the organization experienced phenomenal growth. Local chapters increased from 107 in 1914 to 3,864 in 1918 and membership grew from 17,000 to more than 20 million adult and 11 million Junior Red Cross members. Public contributions amounted to \$400 million in funds and materials.

After World War II, the Red Cross introduced the first nationwide civilian blood program that now supplies more than 40 percent of the blood and blood products in this country.

Today, the supporters, volunteers and employees of the American Red Cross provide compassionate care in five critical areas: (1) People affected by disasters in America; (2) Support for members of the military and their families; (3) Blood collection, processing and distribution; (4) Health and safety education and training; and (5) International relief and development.

Did You Know

The American Red Cross is part of the world’s largest volunteer network found in 187 countries.

The American Red Cross is a charitable organization, not a government agency. It depends on the generosity of volunteers to perform its mission.

Ten million people learn emergency skills such as CPR through the Red Cross every year.

An average of 91 cents of every dollar the American Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs.

21st Century Red Cross-aided events

- Sept. 11, 2001 – Responders deploy to New York City, Shanksville, Pennsylvania and the Pentagon.
- August 13, 2004 - Hurricane Charley slams into Florida’s Gulf Coast followed by hurricanes Frances, Ivan and Jeanne, calling for the largest combined response in Red Cross history up to that date.
- Dec. 26, 2004 – Red Cross joins international effort following a magnitude 9.0 earthquake off west coast of Indonesia that triggers massive tsunami.
- August 25 - 29, 2005 - Hurricane Katrina, one of the most destructive storms in the history of the Gulf Coast, produces the largest, single disaster relief effort to date. Two subsequent hurricanes of significant strength, Rita and Wilma, compound the devastation and impact relief operations.
- May 2006 - The American Red Cross commemorates 125 years of both national and international service.
- January 2010 - A magnitude 7.0 earthquake hits Haiti, leaving 1.5 million people homeless. A groundbreaking \$32 million is raised via SMS to the global Red Cross and Red Crescent network.

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Source(s): www.redcross.org

Bike rally promotes a clean commute

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ticipants did both.

Harford County Rideshare Coordinator Alan Doran, with Harford Commute Smart, said B2WD events raise awareness and advocacy for a more bike-friendly culture. At APG, B2WD has more than tripled in participants since it began in 2013.

“We are happy to continue our relationship on base,” he said. “The more we encourage cycling, the more it becomes a mainstream [activity]. I am happy to advocate for cycling.”

Doran added that B2WD also promotes safety. He said Maryland law states that bicycles are vehicles, and bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers of motor vehicles.

Several cyclists said they enjoyed the group ride. Andy Eisenhuth, with ATEC’s Aberdeen Test Center, said he rode to APG from Susquehanna State Park; a total 25 miles for the day.

“This is my first time participating in Bike to Work Day,” Eisenhuth said. “I would do it again; the biggest [obstacle] is dealing with the traffic.”

Sgt. 1st Class Glominio De Leon, with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM), said he wanted to take advantage of the warm spring weather.

“Now that the weather is warmer I want to exercise outdoors more,” he said.

Robbyn Berenda, with ATEC, said she routinely rides her bicycle on post during her lunch break.

I wish I could start every day like this,” she said.

Before the event, participants were

challenged to form organization teams to win the “Team Cycle Challenge” trophy. The U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA) won with 40 participants. The rally included free bicycle inspections, refreshments and free raffle prizes from sponsors.

Event coordinator Gale Sauer, an ATEC contractor, thanked everyone who made the event a success.

“There is a huge impact when we reduce our carbon footprint by riding our bikes anytime that we can,” she said.

Bike to Work Day coincides with National Bike Month. Communities across the nation hosted “Bike to Work” events May 11-15. May is also Clean Commute Month, an educational campaign that promotes alternatives to commuting in single occupant vehicles. Clean commuting options include teleworking, riding transit, bicycling, carpooling, or walking.

Other cycling opportunities

On APG North, cyclists can participate in a weekly group bike ride each Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting at ATEC Headquarters, Bldg. 2202. Occasionally the group rides Thursday and Friday depending on the weather. Email Sauer at gale.m.sauer.ctr@mail.mil to be added to group distribution list.

APG South (Edgewood) cyclists can participate in a daily bike ride from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting at the parking lot across the street from Bldg. E3330. For more information, contact Gail Boynton at 410-417-0694, or email gail.m.boynton.civ@mail.mil.

“There is a huge impact when we reduce our carbon footprint by riding our bikes any time that we can.”

Robbyn Berenda
ATEC

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OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES U.S. MILITARY

Maj. Gen. Peter D. Utley, Commander of the Army Test and Evaluation Command, Dianne Crawford, wife of APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, and APG Senior Command Sgt. Major William G. Bruns lead a ceremonial cake cutting at the Our Community Salutes event May 13 that honored local military recruits.



Photo by Yvonne Johnson



Photo by Rachel Ponder



Photo by Stacy Smith



(Above Left) Staff Sgt. Scott Balduck of the 20th CBRNE Command adjusts an EOD Bomb Suit outfitted on Martice Leak of Edgewood, a U.S. Marine Corps recruit, one of several Armed Forces Day displays in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center May 13.

(Above Right) Dianne Crawford, center, wife of APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford, welcomes two APG spouses to the Military Spouse Appreciation Day Tea at Top of the Bay May 8.

(Left) Soldiers from units across APG participate in the AFW All Soldiers Run May 12, carrying their unit colors with pride.



(Clockwise from above, left) Retired Staff Sgt. Ronald, right, and Shirley Schultz from Baltimore City enjoy a meal at 1st Sgt.'s Grill during the Retiree Appreciation Day May 9. The couple said they missed coming to APG and thought the program was "better than Fort Meade's."

Retired APG civilian Carol Hansen, the founder of Quilts for Heroes, displayed this military-themed quilt, featuring the Army Golden Knights, the Infantry and Medical corps and aircraft and heavy tanks, at the 42nd Annual East Coast Rally, a military vehicle show, swap meet and flea market, held at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen. Quilts for Heroes, a group of quilters who meet at the APG South (Edgewood) chapel once a month, donates hand-made quilts to Wounded Warriors and hospitalizes service members and veterans.

APG Senior Command Sgt. Maj. William G. Bruns, front, and APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen Bruce T. Crawford navigate the course during the AFW Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course May 11.



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